



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Curious Conversations: Practicing Grace Across Our Differences

After two successful pilot sessions, Highland's Matthew 25 Committee and the Presbytery of Donegal are inviting the wider congregation to join our next **Curious Conversations** gathering. Curious Conversations creates a thoughtful, structured space for people to listen to one another across different viewpoints. This structure focuses on telling our stories as a chance to practice curiosity, compassion, and understanding.



Curious Conversations aligns with Highland's vision to see, know, and love all God's people, and with our values of compassion, kindness, love, welcome, and unity. It also aligns with our strategic plan in which we envision Highland as a safe place to have important conversations about difficult issues. Using a centering piece of Scripture and some background information, participants will reflect on a framing question, ask open and curious follow-up questions, and learn to remain in community even when we disagree. You are welcome to speak or simply listen. Whatever your perspective, your presence enriches the conversation.

Today, January 18

Join us at **2:30 PM**, with a **2:00 PM** orientation for first-time participants.

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

It has been more than a quarter century (28 years, to be exact) since Highland last changed its congregational and corporate bylaws — the time has come to revisit them! On December 2, 2025, Session approved a proposed set of bylaws for presentation to the congregation for a vote at its annual meeting on **January 25**.

A church-wide email was sent this week with a link to the new bylaws, and a printed copy can be obtained by calling the church office. If you have questions, please contact Bob Hoelscher. Everyone is encouraged to bring questions and comments to Bob *before* the January 25 congregational meeting.

By way of summary, the proposed new bylaws:

- Replace the separate 1998 bylaws for the congregation and the corporation with a new, combined, and shorter document.
- Permit attendance and voting by electronic means at meetings.
- Set quorums for meetings of Session, Board of Trustees, and Board of Deacons.
- Allow the Session to change the number of seats on church boards.
- Generally, vest the Session with responsibilities consistent with Presbyterian principles of governance.

Recent Visitors Get-Together

A get-together for recent visitors will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, February 1** in **McClintock Chapel**. This will offer an opportunity for you to interact with staff members and each other, learn more about the overall scope of Highland's ministry, and get answers to some questions that you might have. We look forward to seeing you then!

For more information, please contact the church office or Larry and Anita Ewing.



Weekly Study Groups

Adult Sunday School

Sundays

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Room 204

Until Easter, we'll journey through the Gospel of Matthew, exploring its sweeping narrative and paying special attention to one of its central themes: the Kingdom of Heaven.

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Room 208

Through March 13, we'll study the book of Revelation by Jen Wilkin. The cost of the workbook is \$25, which includes video access. Interested? Contact Barb Droz or the church office.

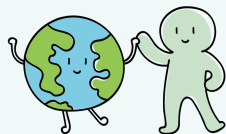
Do you plan to shop for groceries in 2026?

If you do, we suggest that you purchase a gift card at the **Market Share stand** in the narthex on Sunday morning! Gift cards are available for Giant, Weis, Stauffer's, and Oregon Dairy in \$25 and \$50 denominations, and can be purchased using cash or check. In 2025, the sale of cards increased by more than **\$11,000**, and the church donated **\$3,000** to the Lancaster County Food Hub as a result of your purchases. Thank you to everyone who participated in 2025!

Will you be a part of a greater increase in 2026 so that more funding can be provided to help the growing number of those facing food insecurity in Lancaster County? A \$50 gift card from one of the participating grocery stores will buy you \$50 worth of groceries, while helping stamp out hunger. It's a win/win, and we hope you'll consider participating so Highland can make an even greater impact on our local community this year!



Earth Care Partner Events



THUR
Jan
22

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Nature Hour:
How to Love a Forest



SAT
Jan
24

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Give Back to Nature at
High Family Nature Preserve



Highland Book Group

Be sure to join the book group on **Wednesday, January 28** to discuss *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. The book group meets in **Room 208** for an hour, starting at **1:00 PM**. Join us for an interesting and often stimulating conversation. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Juanita Fowler.

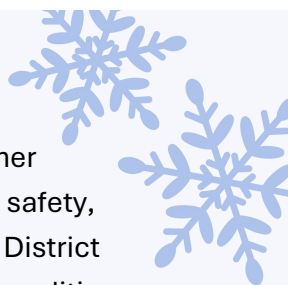


Winter Weather Closure Policy

Highland Presbyterian Church will continue to monitor **Manheim Township School District** (MTSD), but weather decisions will be made based on *actual* conditions and safety, not strictly school status. If Manheim Township School District issues a delay, or if Highland determines road/parking conditions warrant a delay, Highland will operate on a **2-hour delay**.

Full Closure

A full closure happens when roads, parking, or walkways are unsafe. During a full closure, the office and all in-person programs are **canceled**, with essential staff allowed on site (if safe to do so). **Announcements** will be made via the church website, email, social media, WGAL, and phone message. Outside groups will be notified directly.



Calling all adults!

**Breakfast, Lunch,
& Evening Fellowship**

WED
Jan
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Working Adult Lunch

Zig's Bakery & Café | 12:00 pm

WED
Jan
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Men's Trivia Night

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

These recurring events are always listed on the back of the Heartbeat under **Upcoming Events**. If you'd like to suggest a breakfast Bible study, book club, or Sunday school class — or have questions about an event or need help registering — please contact events@highlandpc.org.

Highland Gathering at Willow Valley



Highland members and friends are invited to a meet and greet at **Willow Valley** on **Thursday, January 22**. Pastor Allison will introduce the pastoral staff and share Highland's vision for the future. There will be ample time for questions and fellowship. This event is part of a pilot program to connect with interested residents of local retirement communities and to help grow Highland Church.

Gathering Details

Manor Lobby

1:30 - 2:30 PM

Spring Run Library (Main Entrance)

2:45 - 3:45 PM

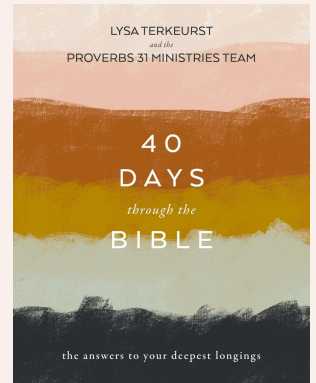
Save the Date!

A Service of Installation for Pastor Matt will be held at Highland on **Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 PM**.



Bible Babes Book Club

Beginning on **Tuesday, February 17**, Bible Babes will meet weekly in the **Charter Room** from **6:30 to 8:00 PM** to discuss *40 Days Through the Bible* by Lysa TerKeurst. For more information, please contact Jan Lyle-Chesnutt, Kori Wise, or the church office.



New Members Classes

Are you considering membership at Highland Presbyterian Church? We invite you to attend one of our upcoming new members classes to learn more about what it means to become part of the Highland community. Childcare will be provided during both classes. New members will be welcomed into the congregation on **Sunday, February 22**, so mark your calendar and save these important dates!

Upcoming Classes

Saturday, February 7

8:30 - 10:30 AM

Thursday, February 12

6:30 - 8:30 PM

To register, contact Larry and Anita Ewing (717-824-3318) or the church office.



Chancel Flowers

Each Sunday, the Deacons of the church provide a bouquet of flowers in the sanctuary for all to enjoy as we worship. After the service, the Deacons divide the flowers, put them into vases, and deliver them to hospitals, nursing homes, and private residences for the enjoyment of our members who are unable to attend our church services.

The cost of the flowers and vases continues to rise, and we really need your help. For a \$25 donation, you can honor a special someone or event in your life on a Sunday of your choice.

To honor an individual or event:

- Go to the sign-up board in the narthex and put your name on the chart.
- Fill out a paper form and return it to the church, either by mail or by placing the form in the Church Administrator's mailbox located behind the reception desk, with your \$25 donation.

Your name and the honoree's name (or event) will be printed in the bulletin on your chosen Sunday. Your help and support will allow the Deacons to continue this important mission!



Worship



This Week's Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

"The Gift of the Wilderness"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

January 25

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Gifts That Keep On Giving

Sermon Series: January 4 - February 1

This sermon series follows the lectionary passages from the Gospel of Matthew for the first five Sundays of the new year (with the exception of January 18, when we will step outside the lectionary in order to remain in Matthew).

The birth of Jesus is indeed a gift to all humanity. Unlike most gifts that are given and received once, however, the gift of our Savior continues to bless us over time. While Jesus' birth was a single, historical event, the grace and love we welcome through it are ongoing, shaping our hearts, guiding our thoughts, and directing our actions.

Jesus' arrival is meant to transform us not only on one holy night, but in the ordinary rhythms of daily life. During these first five weeks of the new year, we will reflect on how the gift of Jesus continues to bless us, form us, and lovingly challenge us to grow as disciples.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 21

12:00 PM Working Adult Lunch at Zig's Bakery & Café

6:00 PM Men's Trivia Night at Stoner Grille

Sunday, February 1

11:30 AM Recent Visitor Get-Together in McClintock Chapel

Wednesday, February 4

7:00 PM Highland Keyboard Extravaganza

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

Ignite Worship Leader — Dr. Jeffrey Martin

IT/Media Coordinator & 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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