



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Save the Date Easter Egg Hunt



Families are invited to join us on **Saturday, March 28** for an interactive Easter scavenger hunt! Beginning **next Sunday**, we will have eggs available in the narthex to take, fill, and then return.

Volunteers Needed: Reception Support

We are so thankful for the many ways our church family supports the life of the church, and we'd like to share another opportunity to help. We are looking for a few volunteers to provide reception support on **Mondays and Fridays** between **10:00 AM and 2:00 PM**. This opportunity involves answering phone calls, welcoming guests, and helping with light clerical tasks as needed. Our hope is to create a rotating schedule so each volunteer would serve just **2 to 4 hours per month**. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please call the church office.

Easter Tulips: On Sale Today!

Did you know in Christianity, tulips symbolize passion, belief, and love? White tulips represent forgiveness, while purple tulips represent royalty. Sound familiar to anyone? One of the Deacons' many ministries is to provide you with the opportunity to order beautiful tulips. Tulips cost **\$8**, 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!

Tulips will decorate the Sanctuary for **Easter** on **Sunday, April 5**. Questions? Please contact Trixi Ray.

To purchase tulips, stop by the Deacon table in the narthex before or after Sunday services on:

February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, & March 22



What does the Lord require of you?

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Virtual Lenten Small Groups: Coming Soon!

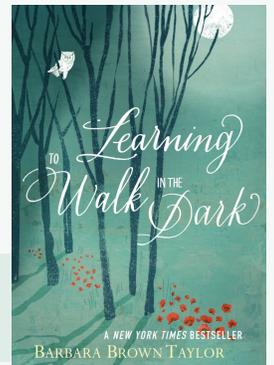
Every Friday in March, from 1:30 to 3:00 PM, a small group will meet by Zoom to discuss their thoughts on the book *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. This event is open to everyone who worships online or in-person.

For more information, or to sign up for a meeting, please contact Pastor Ann:

- 717-569-2651, ext. 222
- annosborne@highlandpc.org

Fridays in March
1:30 to 3:00 PM

March 6, March 13,
March 20, & March 27





Ladies Night Out: New Date

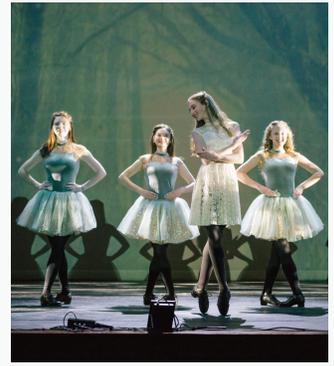
To better accommodate our weekly study groups, Ladies Night Out will now take place on the **fourth Thursday** of each month. We welcome women of all ages to join us at **Harvest Seasonal Grill** on **Thursday, February 26!**

Highland Performing Arts Upcoming Concert

Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 PM

Paloma Performance Troupe

It's time for something new at Highland: live Irish dancing accompanied by an orchestra! The Paloma School of Irish Dance will perform both traditional performance and social Irish dance, an art form originating in Ireland.



From Your Stewardship Committee: Using God's Gifts to Us

Using a QCD to Give to Highland

Anyone who has an IRA, 401(k), or similar retirement plan and who has attained the age of 70½ is eligible to contribute to a charity, such as HPC, from that plan through what the Internal Revenue Code calls a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. A taxpayer cannot deduct such a contribution as an itemized deduction, but can exclude the contribution from taxable income (this is especially useful for those over 73 who must take minimum distributions, otherwise taxable, from retirement plans). During 2026, most taxpayers can exclude up to **\$111,000** in retirement plan QCD's from their taxable income.

Most plan administrators make it easy to take QCD's through their websites, and many HPC members fulfill their pledges in this way. Those with more complicated tax situations may need to consult an advisor.

Join the Arch Street Volunteers

Highland's Local Outreach Committee continues to provide a meal each month to **40-50 members** of **Arch Street Center**. This ongoing project started 6 years ago, and our roster of volunteers now numbers 25. Four times a year, volunteers are informed of dates and menus and invited to sign up via email. The schedule is flexible with volunteers signing up as they are willing and able. Volunteers prepare casseroles and cookies at home, deliver them to the church, and the food is then transported to Arch Street. If you are interested in being added to the pool of volunteers, please contact Linda Neumann.



Providing Comfort with Church World Service Blankets

As followers of Jesus, we are called to love our neighbors — especially in their time of need. A simple blanket becomes a holy offering: warmth on a cold night, peace after disaster, and a reminder that no one is forgotten by God. **\$10 provides a CWS Blanket to someone in need**. In 2025, over **17,000** blankets were shared.

In late January, a powerful winter storm swept across large portions of the United States and left many individuals at risk. Just in time, more than 1,000 CWS Blankets arrived in South Carolina hours before the storm hit. Local agencies were able to quickly pick up and pre-position blankets so they could respond immediately.

Please consider giving to this important program. Envelopes are located in the pews.



Bible Sunday

We are excited to celebrate Bible Sunday on **Sunday, March 22**. Bible Sunday is a special day when we place age-appropriate Bibles into the hands of our children and youth as they continue to grow in faith and deepen their relationship with God's Word.

Families with children and youth are invited to participate by filling out a form in the narthex (or using the QR code) to let us know how you would like your child/youth's name printed in their Bible. For our youth in 4th–12th grade, we invite them to choose the Bible that best fits their reading and learning style: a traditional NRSV Bible, study Bible, or note-taking Bible.



*This is a meaningful milestone in the faith journey of our young people, and we are grateful to walk alongside them as they explore scripture together. Please submit your information by **March 7**, so we can purchase the Bibles before March 22. We will also extend an invitation to the congregation to donate towards the Bibles on **March 7** and [@](#)*



Caps Off to Zero Waste

*The Earth Care Committee is challenging the congregation to fill the **Terracycle Zero Waste Bottle Caps Box** before **Earth Day** on **Wednesday, April 22!***

After the service, please take a collection bag (located in the narthex) home with you and collect ALL sizes and brands of **plastic and metal caps/lids** from soda, water, or beer bottles; or packaged jar goods like peanut butter, jelly, pickles, pasta sauce, parmesan cheese, etc. The box will remain in the narthex until it is full — we hope you'll participate!

Earth Care Partner Events

Nature Hour is a lecture series presented by **Lancaster Conservancy**, taking place on Thursdays throughout the winter. The one-hour virtual lectures, which include a Q&A with the expert presenter, cover a wide range of conservation, environmental, and nature-related topics impacting our community, region, and world to an audience of all ages of learners.



Upcoming Lectures

Butterfly Persistence in the Face of Human Influence
Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 PM

Discovering Our Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers
Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 PM



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.

Worship



This Week's Scripture

John 9
"Encounters with Jesus:
From Darkness to Light"
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

March 1
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Lenten Sermon Series: February 22 - March 22

Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John

This sermon series will explore powerful encounters between Jesus and ordinary people in the Gospel of John — men and women whose lives were radically transformed after coming into His presence. From the margins of society to the center of religious life, each person meets Christ and is never the same again. This Lent, we are invited to open our hearts to Jesus, believing that real and lasting change is still possible. When we encounter the living Christ, we are forever changed. How will the Lord change you this Lenten season?

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

7:00 PM Ladies Night Out at Harvest

Sunday, March 15

2:30 PM Curious Conversations

Saturday, March 21

7:00 PM Paloma Performance Troupe

Save the Date!

Meeting of the Corporation

Next Sunday, March 1

Immediately after worship

April Communion

This year, Easter falls on the first Sunday in April. Therefore, communion will be observed on the **second Sunday, April 12.**

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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