

# The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, March 8, 2026

## Curious Conversations: Practicing Grace Across Our Differences

Join us **next Sunday, March 15** for a **Curious Conversations** gathering (previously scheduled in January). 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.

**Sunday, March 15**

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



Even if you previously registered for this event, please register again using the QR code.



## Bible Sunday: Donate to Bibles!

On **March 22**, we will present **54 Bibles** to the children and youth of Highland. Each Bible costs approximately **\$30**. If you would like to contribute, donations can be made by cash, card, or check (payable to Highland Presbyterian Church). Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the faith formation of our growing disciples!

## Highland Performing Arts Upcoming Concert

**Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 PM**  
**Paloma Performance Troupe**

For more information, or to view the event live on March 21, scan the QR code below!



## Learning to Walk in the Dark

### Lenten Small Groups in March

Celebrate Lent by reading and discussing *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Order the book from your favorite bookseller in your preferred format: book, e-book or audio book, and join one of our discussions!

#### Online (Zoom)

**Fridays in March**  
**1:30 - 3:00 PM**

#### Facilitators

Mary Kay Hymes, Nancy Mudloff, Pastor Ann Osborne

Contact **Pastor Ann** at [annosborne@highlandpc.org](mailto:annosborne@highlandpc.org) to register.

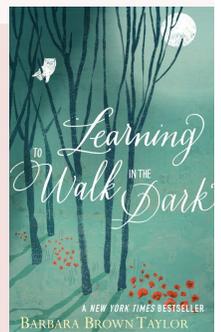
#### In Person (Library)

**Sundays during Lent**  
**9:00 - 9:45 AM**

#### Facilitator

Sara Woodbury

Call the church office at **717-569-2651** to register.



## Intergenerational Mission Trip

Join us in Appalachia from **Sunday, July 5** through **Saturday, July 11** for a meaningful intergenerational mission trip! Partnering with **Appalachia Service Project**, we'll help provide critical home repairs for families in need while building lasting relationships and strengthening communities. This experience empowers both youth and adults to serve side by side through hands-on mission work. No matter your age, background, or skill level, there's a place for you to make a difference! Questions? Please contact Pastor Matt.

### Registration Deadline

Sunday, March 29

### Cost (Sunday - Saturday)

\$300 per person

### Deposit Due

April 15

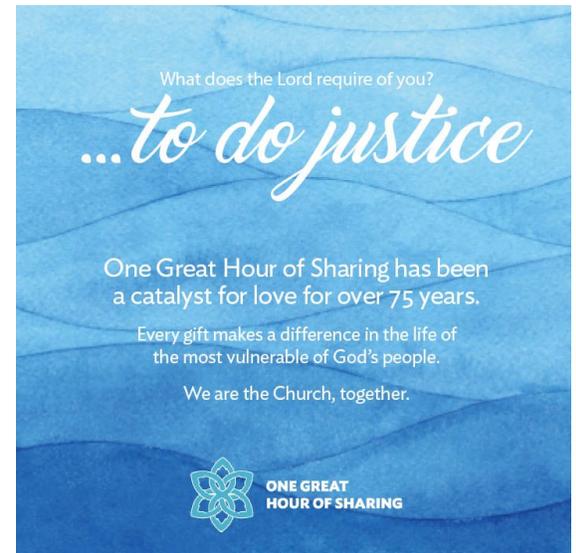


Please register using the QR code!

## A Gift for Pastor Matt

As mentioned during Matt Drumheller's installation service, we are gifting him a beautiful stole. The stole has already been ordered, but we invite our church family to join in contributing toward this meaningful gift. Designed with Jacob's Ladder in mind and perfectly matching the colors of the sanctuary's stained glass, the stole is a symbol of faith, leadership, and the journey ahead.

If you would like to contribute to this gift, donations can be made by check to **Highland Presbyterian Church** with **Matt Stole** in the memo line. Our goal is \$350, but any gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated.



## Easter Tulips: On Sale Now!

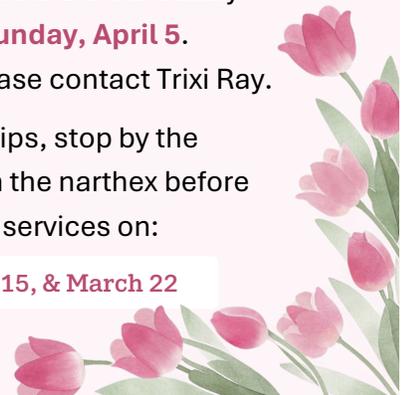
Did you know in Christianity, tulips symbolize passion, belief, and love? White tulips represent forgiveness, while purple tulips represent royalty. Sound familiar to anyone? One of the Deacons' many ministries is to provide you with the opportunity to order beautiful tulips. Tulips cost **\$8**, and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

**March 8, March 15, & March 22**



## 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!

## Slam Dunk Hunger: A Friendly Food Drive Showdown!

Highland Presbyterian Church and St. Peter's Lutheran Church are teaming up for a fun, faith-filled competition to fight hunger in our community! **Slam Dunk Hunger** is a month-long, friendly rivalry where the two churches will go head-to-head to **collect the most non-perishable food items** for **Lancaster Food Hub**.

The food drive kicks off **this Sunday** and runs through the **end of March**. Members are encouraged to bring food items each Sunday to the designated area in the narthex.

At the end, we'll crown a winner and have two exciting exhibition basketball games between the two churches here at Highland. There will be a youth (ages 9-15) and an adult (ages 16-up) game at the end of March or beginning of April (exact date to be determined).

Please contact the church office or speak with Brian Summersgill if you or your child are interested in playing in the game.

## Update from Paul & Sharon

Sharon and I were so blessed by the beautiful send-off given to us only a few weeks ago. We were overwhelmed with the generous words and financial gift. The quilt will be a brilliant reminder to us of the cherished years we spent in ministry at Highland Presbyterian Church. We are definitely enjoying the mild weather, and Paul is going nonstop it seems! Don't be surprised if we show up every once and awhile in the future, and please do keep in touch. The church office is happy to supply you with contact information if needed.

With all our love,  
Paul and Sharon

## Volunteers Needed!

### Reception Desk 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.

## Highland Happenings

### A Note From the Quilters

Thank you to Highland for supporting the quilters during their Christmas sales. Despite one snowy Sunday, we raised \$3,244. The Quilters' vision is to support women and children through a variety of nonprofits. Recently, we distributed funds to the following projects:

- **Caroline Kurtz and the Maji Project-Ethiopia:** In the past, the Maji Project brought water and electricity to their remote village. In thanks for their contribution to the community, land was donated to the Maji Project. This past year, construction began for the Maji Women's Development Center. This building will become a new town center and resource for the community, as well as a space dedicated to the advancement of women. For more information, visit [www.developmaji.org](http://www.developmaji.org).
- **Healthy Beginnings:** Through the Giving Tree, Highland supports Healthy Beginnings. It is a clinic through LGH that supports pregnant women lacking financial stability. Social workers and RN's visit new mothers the year following birth to monitor their health. This year, Highland gave 22-24 gift sets for boys and the same number for girls. The gift sets include disposable diapers and wipes, one receiving blanket, and two sleepers. The Quilters also donate dozens of baby quilts several times a year.
- **Off the Streets:** Provides hope and dignity to those experiencing homelessness by helping them transition to permanent housing.
- **CASA:** A Lancaster based organization that provides qualified and compassionate court-appointed volunteer advocates to every child in the foster care system who needs one.
- **Milagro House:** Provides housing, education and support services for women with children experiencing homelessness.
- **Ruth Project-El Salvador:** There are 3 arms under the Ruth Project — food production through family & community gardens; small business or productive commercial initiatives carried out by women; and sewing workshops where women are trained to improve their skills and autonomy in the making of fabrics and sewing products. A team from Highland will be visiting our partners in El Salvador this summer.
- **TeenHope (Samaritan Center):** TeenHope is a mental health program that screens for signs and symptoms of anxiety, depression, and suicide risk in Lancaster County middle and high school students.
- Through the **Presbyterian (PCUSA) Giving Catalog**, we donated 10 hygiene kits, 2 sewing machines, and 8 cans for carrying water.

# Worship



## This Week's Scripture

John 11: 17-44  
"A Tale of Two Sisters"  
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

## Upcoming Preaching Schedule

**March 15**  
Rev. Matt Drumheller

## 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

### Sunday, March 15

**2:30 PM** Curious Conversations

### Wednesday, March 18

**12:00 PM** Working Adult Lunch at Freshly Greek

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

### Saturday, March 21

**7:00 PM** Paloma Performance Troupe

### Sunday, March 22

**10:00 AM** Bible Sunday

### Thursday, March 26

**7:00 PM** Ladies Night Out at Robin Pammer's House  
(e-mail [events@highlandpc.org](mailto:events@highlandpc.org) for address)

### April Communion

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



Please register for this event, so we know who is attending — thank you!

### 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  
Interim Music Director & Organist — Jonathan Lefever  
Ignite Worship Leader — Dr. Jeffrey Martin  
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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