



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, April 5, 2026

YWCA Annual Race Against Racism

Please join Highland’s Matthew 25 Committee by participating in the nation’s largest and longest consecutively run **Race Against Racism!** The Lancaster YWCA’s 28th RAR will be held on **Saturday, April 25**, at **Musser Park** in Lancaster City. You can run, walk, or stand along the 5K course to cheer on our Highland team racers. There will also be plenty of food, music, and activities throughout the event, which begins at 8:30 AM with a Kids Fun Run.

Lynn Dawson, the Team Administrator, will pick up the team’s T-shirts and racing bibs. These will be available for pickup at the church office on the Thursday and Friday before the race. For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Lynn Christie Dawson through the church office.

To participate, please register online at <https://bit.ly/4cDkcDS>. When you register, be sure to click **Join an Existing Group/Team**, and select **Highland Presbyterian Church – Mt 25**.

- Kids Fun Run: \$6.94
- Youth (Ages 14 & under): \$22.95
- Adults (ages 15 & up): \$44.30

Scholarships are available if needed.



JOY (Just Older Youth) Spring Luncheon

Save the date, **Thursday, April 30**, for the first 2026 gathering of our JOY group for individuals age 55 and over. We’ll begin at **10:45 AM** and conclude by **1:30 PM**. This event will include lunch, followed by the movie *The Healer*, beginning around noon. A sign-up table will be available in the narthex. There is a **\$5 registration fee** to help us plan accordingly for lunch, prepared by Linda Brackbill. We’ll start with lunch and some “get-to-know-you” conversation before enjoying the film together. For more information, please contact Pat Walters or the church office.



Slam Dunk Hunger: A Community Win!

What began as a friendly competition between Highland and St. Peter’s Lutheran Church became something much more. Together, our congregations collected **over 3,700** non-perishable food items in support of the local food pantries.

This was an incredible outpouring of generosity for our community. While Highland contributed the most items, the real victory was shared. This effort brought two churches together around a common purpose: caring for neighbors in need. Each donation will help provide food for individuals and families across Lancaster. Thank you to everyone who gave, organized, and participated.

Slam Dunk Hunger is a powerful reminder of what we can do together!



Are you a recent visitor to Highland?

A get-together for recent visitors will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, April 19** in the **McClintock Chapel**. This will be 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 further information, please contact the church office or Larry and Anita Ewing.



Dance for Mental Health

Beginning **April 13**, **Samaritan Center** invites you to join one of several classes intended to connect your body, mind, and spirit! Often these elements of being a human are split due to daily life tasks, stressful experiences, or lack of invitation to connect. **Renee Kurz**, a licensed counselor and board certified dance / movement therapist, will guide you through gentle movement exercises and expressive prompts supported by an inspiring soundscape. Moving as one, whole person is beneficial to reduce inner tension, increase sense of freedom and creativity, and experience deeper communion with yourself and others. All adult women are invited to experience the gift of dance to connect your whole being in a safe and supportive space — no dance experience necessary.



**April 13, April 20,
April 27, May 4,
May 11, May 18**

6:00 PM to 7:15 PM



Renee Kurz, LPC, BC-DMT

Single Class
\$15
All 6 classes
\$75

A Simple Way to Give: Automatic Monthly ACH Contributions

As part of our ongoing commitment to making stewardship both simple and flexible, we would like to remind the congregation that Highland Presbyterian Church offers automatic monthly giving through ACH bank transfers. This option enables you to set up a recurring monthly contribution that is drafted directly from your checking or savings account. There are no processing fees for ACH contributions, ensuring that your full gift goes directly toward supporting the ministry and mission of our church. Getting started is easy — simply complete a brief authorization form to begin your recurring donation. Automatic monthly giving provides a convenient and consistent way to support the life and work of Highland Presbyterian Church throughout the year.

If you are interested in enrolling in ACH giving, please contact Candace Reiner, Church Administrator, at the church office to request an authorization form. Thank you for your faithful generosity and for the many ways you support the life and ministry of Highland Presbyterian Church.

First Reformed Community Meal

Highland continues its partnership with **Lancaster Community Meal Program** and **First Reformed Church** to provide a meal for our neighbors. This ministry is a meaningful, hands-on way to respond to God's call to alleviate food insecurity and care for others. We are next scheduled to serve on **Tuesday, April 28**, and we would love for you to be part of it!

PROVIDE A MEAL FOR OUR NEIGHBORS!

Volunteers are needed in the afternoon to help prepare the meal at Highland and in the evening to serve guests. No special skills are required — just a willingness to show up, lend a hand, and share in a spirit of hospitality. Use the QR code to sign up to help, or contact Pastor Matt. We hope you'll join us as we care for our neighbors!



FROM YOUR
STEWARDSHIP
COMMITTEE ON
USING GOD'S
GIFTS TO US

Does A Will Set Your House In Order? Maybe Not.

In recent years, many of us have revisited our estate plans and focused on updating our wills. But a will does not usually affect your employment-related retirement plans (such as an IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or similar plan), or your life insurance policy. In those cases, the designation of an individual or other beneficiary controls, no matter what a will may say about who receives assets after death. When did you last check those plans and policies for beneficiary designations?



Volunteers Needed: Reception Desk Support

We are thankful for the many ways our church family supports the church, and we'd like to share another opportunity to help. We are looking for a volunteers to provide reception support on **Mondays and Friday** 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 contact the church office.

Highland Happenings

Easter Egg Hunt & Palm Sunday

On Saturday, March 28, over 100 children and their families gathered at Highland for our annual Easter egg hunt. The day was filled with egg hunts, story time, crafts, games, face painting, and balloon animals. Guests of all ages enjoyed many opportunities to play, explore, and create lasting memories together. Events like this shine a light on our mission to build a community where everyone is seen, known, and loved.



The following day, we came together for our Palm Sunday service, a meaningful time of worship and celebration. The sanctuary was filled with waving palm branches as we remembered Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We were blessed by the music of our talented bell choir and a joyful rendition of *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* by our children's choir. Together, we began Holy Week with hearts centered on hope, praise, and gratitude.



Worship



This Week's Scripture

John 20: 1-18
"One More Transformation: Ours"
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

April 12
Rev. Matt Drumheller
Reminder
*Communion will be observed **next Sunday**.*

Upcoming Sermon Series

Joy in Christ — A Study in Philippians

What does it mean to have joy when life is hard? Not shallow happiness, but a deep, steady joy that endures in every season. In this sermon series through Philippians, we explore the surprising reality that Paul's most joyful letter was written from prison. Facing uncertainty and suffering, he still overflows with gratitude and rejoicing. His life shows us that true joy is not rooted in circumstances, but in a Person — Jesus Christ. Join us as we learn to embrace a lasting joy that no circumstance can take away. This series will also include corresponding small group studies, creating space to reflect, discuss, and apply these truths together.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 19

- 11:00 AM** Pop-Up Fundraiser
- 11:00 AM** Gathering of Recent Guests

Wednesday, April 22

- 7:00 PM** Highland Performing Arts:
Penn Square Opera

Saturday, April 25

- 8:30 AM** Race Against Racism at
Musser Park in Lancaster City

Thursday, April 30

- 10:45 AM** JOY Spring Luncheon

Weekly Study Groups

Every Tuesday
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Charter Room

Bible Babes Book Club
Contact: Jan Lyle-Chesnutt,
Kori Wise

Every Wednesday
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Oregon Dairy

Men's Breakfast Group
Contact: Dick Entz

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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