



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Are you a recent visitor to Highland?

A get-together for recent visitors will be held after the worship service **next Sunday (April 19)** in **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.

Massanetta
YOUTH CONFERENCE
HARRISONBURG, VA
June 18th - 21st
Middle School Youth Rising 6th Grade-8th grade

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.



Highland Performing Arts: Upcoming Concert

Join us at **7:00 PM** on **Wednesday, April 22** for an evening of reflection, beauty, and powerful storytelling at our *Sacred Songs* concert, featuring talented members of **Penn Square Opera's** cast from their upcoming productions of *Trouble in Tahiti* and *The Filthy Habit*. This special program highlights the versatility and artistry of these exceptional singers as they explore a rich tapestry of sacred repertoire, from timeless classical works to moving contemporary selections. Audiences will hear familiar voices in a new light, as themes of faith, hope, and humanity resonate through soaring melodies and intimate moments alike.



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!

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!

REGISTER HERE >



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 is 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.



New Member 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. New members will be welcomed into the congregation on **Sunday, May 17**, so mark your calendar and save these important dates!



Upcoming Classes

Saturday, May 2
8:30 - 10:30 AM

Thursday, May 7
6:30 - 8:30 PM

To register, contact Larry and Anita Ewing or the church office.

Earth Care Partner Events

Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers Hike at Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve

Wednesday, April 15 at 1:00 PM

Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM



Register for an event!

THU
APR 16
6:00 PM

Habitat Advocate:

Qigong - Mindful Movement for Gardeners

SAT
APR 25
9:00 AM

Phenology Hike

at High Nature Preserve

SAT
APR 25
9:00 AM

Volunteer Workday

at Clark Nature Preserve

FROM YOUR
STEWARDSHIP
COMMITTEE:
**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?

Dance for Mental Health

Beginning this week, **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



Single Class
\$15
All 6 classes
\$75

Renee Kurz, LPC, BC-DMT

A Simple Way to Give: Automatic Monthly ACH Contributions

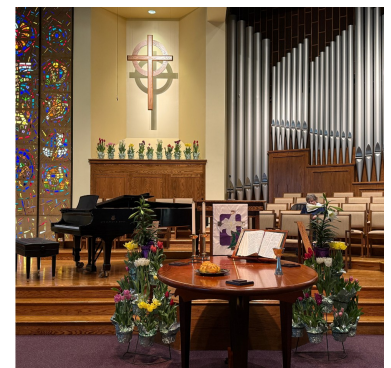
As part of our ongoing commitment to making stewardship both simple and flexible, we would like to remind the congregation that Highland Presbyterian Church offers automatic monthly giving through **ACH bank transfers**. This option enables you to set up a recurring monthly contribution that is drafted 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 the many ways you support the life and ministry of Highland Presbyterian Church.

Highland Happenings

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday at Highland was a beautiful and joy-filled celebration of the resurrection. We began early with our 6:30 AM Sunrise Service, gathering in hopeful anticipation of the dawn. Though the clouds kept the sun hidden, they could not dim the joy of the morning. Together, we shared in communion and proclaimed the good news: Christ is risen! Later, at our 10:00 AM worship service, more than 500 people filled the sanctuary and the narthex. Even as the rain fell outside, the joy inside could not be contained. We celebrated with full hearts, lifted voices, and the deep hope of Easter. Thank you to everyone who joined us in making this day so meaningful. Christ is risen indeed!



Worship



This Week's Scripture

Matthew 25:31-40, Isaiah 58:6-12
"A Place to Belong"
Rev. Matt Drumheller

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

April 19
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

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.



If you'd like to participate in a small group study, please sign-up using the QR code!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 15

- 12:00 PM** Working Adult Lunch at The Cat's Meow (Manheim)
- 6:00 PM** Men's Trivia Night at Stoner Grille

Sunday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 22

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

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

Notice: Missing Jacket!

On Palm Sunday (March 29), a member's black leather jacket was taken by mistake. It had gloves and sunglasses in the pocket; the sunglasses were found at the Welcome Center. A man's leather coat was left in its place. If you may have mistakenly taken the wrong jacket, please contact the church office.

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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