



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Terracycle Bottle Cap Collection: Thank You, Highland!

In March, the Earth Care committee challenged the congregation to collect bottle caps for a new Terracycle program. You showed up in a big way! We received far more caps than we anticipated, a clear sign of Highland's deep care for God's creation. Thank you for your commitment to reducing waste.



Because of your generosity, the Earth Care Committee now has several next steps underway. First, we will be sending the collected bottle caps to be recycled through Terracycle, keeping this plastic out of landfills and giving it new life. Second, we're excited to share that some of the bottle caps will be used in a congregation-wide art project to celebrate Earth Day. This will be an opportunity for members of all ages to participate in a creative expression of our shared commitment to caring for the earth. More details will be coming soon!

Finally, we are exploring sustainable ways to continue bottle cap collections in the future. While March's effort was a great success, it also highlighted the financial challenges of maintaining this program long-term. The committee is currently researching options that will allow us to continue this work in a more sustainable and cost-effective way. Thank you again for helping Highland live into our calling to see, know, and love the world God created.

PS
PENN SQUARE OPERA
SACRED SONGS
Wednesday, April 22
7:00 PM

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.

Youth Group: Urban Air!

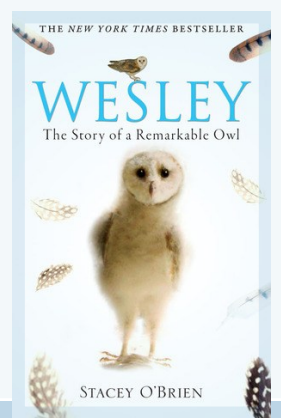
Next Sunday, April 26, Youth Group will meet at **Urban Air** from **4:00 to 6:00 PM**. If you'd like to attend, please register using the QR code so we can ensure we have enough tickets for everyone!



Sign up & join us at...
Urban Air
2040 Bennett Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17601

Highland Book Group

The Highland Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, April 22** at **1:00 PM** in **Room 208** for our monthly gathering. This month, we'll discuss *Wesley the Owl* by Stacy O'Brian — all are invited to attend!



Intergenerational Mission Trip

Johnson City, TN

Big news! Our Intergenerational Mission Trip is headed to **Johnson City, Tennessee!** From **Sunday, July 5** through **Saturday, July 11**, we will partner with **Appalachia Service Project** to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. This experience brings youth and adults together 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. We still have a few spots available. If you've been thinking about joining, now is the time!



Please register using the QR code!

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 >



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.

Although the window to register with a team has closed, there's still time to sign up and participate in a run!

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

Scholarships are available if needed.

28 Years Running!
YWCA **RACE**
against
RACISM

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.



Did You Know?

Textile Recycling

On Oregon Pike near Truist Bank, there are textile recycling bins where you can donate clothing or shoes that aren't suitable for traditional donation. Textile recycling is ideal for items that are ripped, torn, stained, or otherwise unusable, helping to keep these materials out of landfills and giving them a chance to be repurposed into new products such as insulation or industrial rags. For items in usable condition, consider donating to shelters, thrift stores, or other charitable organizations instead!



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.

To register for a class, please contact Larry and Anita Ewing or the church office. New members will be welcomed to Highland on **Sunday, May 17**, so mark your calendars and save these important dates!

Upcoming Classes

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

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

Earth Care Partner Events

SAT
APR 25
9:00 AM

Phenology Hike
at High Nature Preserve

SAT
APR 25
9:00 AM

Volunteer Workday
at Clark Nature Preserve

SAT
MAY 2
9:00 AM

Phenology Hike
at Welsh Mountain Nature Preserve

SAT
MAY 2
9:00 AM

Exploring the Flora
of High Family Nature Preserve

Register for
an event below!

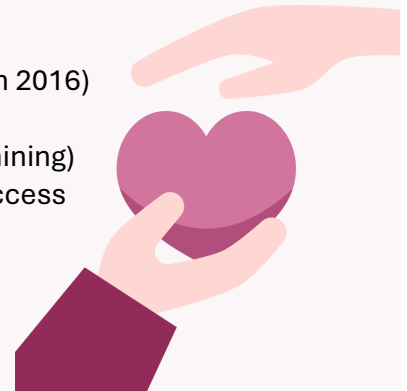


Congregational Care Volunteers Needed

A recent survey of members' gifts revealed a strong presence of individuals called to care for and support others. We encourage you to share your gifts at Highland through active listening, visitation, contributing to a monthly newsletter, or writing cards of encouragement! Opportunities include:

- Visiting and connecting with individuals and families through calls and visits, offering prayer and support in the spirit of the former Stephen Ministry (ended in 2016)
- Providing resources and connection for families affected by addiction
- Assisting ministers by visiting members in hospitals and care facilities (after training)
- Contributing to the *Care and Share* newsletter for members who do not have access to a computer, email, or livestream services
- Writing cards of encouragement as needed

If you're interested in serving in one or more of these ministries, please contact Pastor Ann or talk to her on Sunday mornings after church in the Narthex.



Dance for Mental Health

Samaritan Center invites you to join one of several classes intended to connect your body, mind, and spirit! **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 20, April 27,
May 4, May 11, May 18
6:00 PM to 7:15 PM
Single Class: \$15

Worship



This Week's Scripture

Philippians 1:1-11
"Joy in Partnership"
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

April 26
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

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.

Small Group Studies

This sermon series includes 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

Sunday, April 19

11:00 AM Gathering of Recent Visitors

Wednesday, April 22

7:00 PM Highland Performing Arts:
Penn Square Opera

Thursday, April 23

7:00 PM Ladies Night Out
at Robin Pammer's house
(Please register using the QR code)



Saturday, April 25

8:30 AM Race Against Racism
in Musser Park

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

Philippians Small Group Studies

(Please register using the QR code above)

Mondays at 7:00 PM in Moravian Manor

Tuesdays at 12:00 PM in Room 208

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Thursdays at 11:00 AM in The Upper Room

Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Room 208

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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