

The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Samaritan Center & Highland Presbyterian Church: A Special Partnership

Today we are honored to welcome Simon Dietz, Clinical Director/Interim Executive Director of Samaritan Center, to deliver a Minute for Mission on the continued partnership between Highland and Samaritan. This partnership began in 1985, when Highland members explored creating an accredited interfaith counseling center accessible to all, regardless of ability to pay. The Samaritan Center of Lancaster County was incorporated in 1987, with its first office on Highland’s property. By 1989, a 16-member board was established, and the center moved into Highland House where it remains today.

Highland continues to provide the facility and ongoing support. Samaritan now serves clients across multiple counties, expanding programs to meet community needs. Its mission, however, remains the same: fostering hope and healing through professional counseling, education, and care that respects personal and spiritual values.



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

Youth Group at Urban Air!

Later today, 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 get enough tickets for everyone.



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

JOY (Just Older Youth) Spring Luncheon

Join us **next 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**. We’ll start with lunch and some “get-to-know-you” conversation before enjoying the film, The Healer, together. If you’d like to attend, today is the last day to sign up in the narthex. There is a **\$5 registration fee** to help us plan accordingly for lunch. For more information, please contact Pat Walters or the church office.





Let's do some spring cleaning!

Now through **May 31**, we encourage you to leave your gently worn shoes (used or new) in the collection box found in the vestibule at Door 4 entrance by Fellowship Hall. Your donation will help **Visiting Angels** raise funds for the **Walk to End Alzheimer's** while giving your shoes a second life for those in need. Please spread the word and invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to contribute as well!



Caregiver Movement & Fellowship Pilot Program



ATTENTION CAREGIVERS: We are launching an **8-week** caregiver movement and fellowship pilot program. Designed for those caring for loved ones, the program offers gentle movement, encouragement, and connection in a supportive community setting. If you'd like to learn more about this pilot mission to see, know, and love those who care for others, please join us in the **Chapel** on **Sunday, May 3** at **11:15 AM**.

Earth Care Partner Events

SAT MAY 2 9:00 AM	Phenology Hike at Welsh Mountain Nature Preserve	Register for an event below! 
SAT MAY 2 9:00 AM	Exploring the Flora of High Family Nature Preserve	
SAT MAY 2 1:00 PM	Nature Journaling: Seven Story Forest at Welsh Mountain Nature Preserve	
SAT MAY 9 9:00 AM	Volunteer Workday at Graham Nature Preserve	

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)
- Assisting ministers by visiting members in hospitals and care facilities (after training)
- Providing resources and connection for families affected by addiction
- Contributing to the *Care and Share* newsletter for members who do not have access to our digital 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.

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 have a full slate of volunteers to serve this Tuesday, April 28. If you would like to serve in the future, please put our next date for a First Reformed meal, **October 20**, on your calendar!



Curious Conversation: Justice or Injustice?

Our next Curious Conversation will be held on **Sunday, May 17** from **2:30 to 4:00 PM**, and we hope you'll join us! The topic for this discussion is justice versus injustice. This discussion is one of the oldest and most important questions in philosophy, politics, religion, and everyday life. What does it mean to treat people fairly — and what happens when we don't? What role does mercy have? What does Scripture tell us? What role does our faith play in our actions?

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 and we hope to see you there.

Event Details



To give those in the eastern part of our Presbytery an opportunity to attend, we will meet at **Central Presbyterian Church** (100 W Uwchlan Avenue, Downingtown, PA 19335).

An orientation session will be held at **2:00 PM** for new attendees or those who wish to be refreshed on the process. Please let us know when you register if you plan to come to the orientation session.

The event is free, but **registration is required**. Please use the QR code or contact the church office to register.



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?

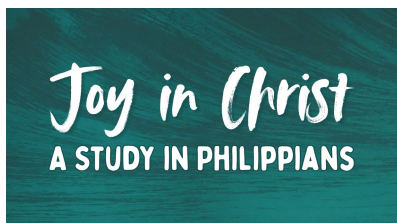
Highland Happenings

Celebrating Our Quilters

Pastor Ann recently recognized the 10-year anniversary of her sabbatical by reconnecting with the quilters who created the prayer flags as part of her experience. A decade later, many of those who helped create the prayer flags gathered for a celebratory photo to honor the lasting impact of their work. We thank our quilters for creating meaningful gifts that are cherished for years by those who receive them!



Worship



This Week's Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11
"Joy in Humility"
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

May 3
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.

This sermon series includes corresponding small group studies, creating space to reflect, discuss, and apply these truths together.

Small Group Studies

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



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

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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
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Associate Pastor for Missions & Discipleship — Rev. Matt Drumheller
Parish Associate — Rev. Dr. Bob Burns
Parish Associate — Rev. Ken Osborne
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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Friday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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