



# The Highland Heartbeat

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

## Sunday, May 17, 2026

### Celebrating Our Seniors

Graduation is a sacred milestone and a moment that holds both gratitude for what has been and hope for what is to come. As a church, we give thanks for the ways these seniors have grown among us: in faith, in friendship, and in the fullness of who God is calling them to be. They have been part of our story, and we trust that God goes with them into every next chapter.



During worship, we will mark this moment with a newer tradition started last year: the blanket blessing. As the blankets are passed from the back of the sanctuary to the front, each person will have the opportunity to gently lay hands on them, offering silent prayers and blessings. In this way, the whole congregation participates in a shared act of care, an expression of the ancient practice of laying on of hands, adapted so that all may take part. If a blanket does not reach your pew, please still take this time to offer a prayer and blessing for our seniors.

These blankets will be wrapped around each senior as a tangible reminder that they go forward held in prayer, surrounded by love, and forever connected to this community of faith.

### Graduate Recognition: Class of 2026



**Graduating From**  
The University of Pennsylvania  
**Degree**  
PhD in Chemical Engineering  
**Next Steps**  
In June, beginning work with Merck

Mitchell Daneker



**Graduating From**  
Liberty University  
**Degree**  
B.S. in Paralegal Studies; minor in Professional Writing  
**Next Steps**  
Working for Millersville Borough as Administrative Specialist

Emma Danae Droz



**Graduating From**  
University of Minnesota  
**Degree**  
Doctorate of Musical Arts (DMA)  
**Next Steps**  
Continue teaching, performing, and directing

Abigail Martin



**Graduating From**  
Manheim Township High School  
**Next Year**  
Verto Education in Seville, Spain (Fall 2026); Lehigh University  
**Area of Study**  
Engineering

Gus Beaulieu



**Graduating From**  
Ephrata High School  
**Next Year**  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
**Area of Study**  
Entrepreneurship  
**Involvement**  
Army ROTC

Tommy McKim



**Graduating From**  
Manheim Township High School  
**Next Year**  
West Chester University  
**Areas of Study**  
Mathematics and Music

Wyatt Scott Singleton



**Graduating From**  
Manheim Township High School  
**Next Year**  
Franklin & Marshall College

Samuel Joseph Tennison

#### Sophia Morse

**Next Year**  
Sarah Lawrence College

#### Garrett Koleda

**Graduating From**  
Full Sail University  
**Degree**  
B.S. in Game Development  
**Next Steps**  
Seeking work as a video game designer

#### Emma Nagler

**Graduating From**  
Harvard University  
**Next Steps**  
Attending medical school after a gap year

# Highland Performing Arts

## Highland Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 PM

Join us for a powerful performance of *The Armed Man* by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins, presented by our own Highland Chancel Choir alongside talented guest musicians from the local community. Dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo War in the late 1990s, this powerful work confronts the tragedy and devastation of war while ultimately offering a moving message of hope and peace.



## Monthly Book Group

The monthly book group will meet in **Room 208** on **Wednesday, May 27** at **1:00 PM**. We are not discussing a particular book this month, but we hope you'll join us for an afternoon of fellowship with fellow readers — all are invited!



## Strawberry Festival

### The Long Community

On **Saturday, June 6**, join our neighbors at **The Long Community** for a sweet festival to celebrate 120 years of caring service in Lancaster. Between **11:00 AM** and **2:00 PM**, bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a fun day filled with strawberries, music, history, and local vendors — including our very own **Highland Quilters!**



## Earth Care Bottle Caps Project

Thank you to everyone that has taken a moment to contribute to our community recycling project to create a fish out of extra bottle caps! The project has really taken shape and will remain **outside of Fellowship Hall** until it is completed. Please stop by and add a bottle cap — we're almost there!



## Riptide Car Wash Fundraiser

### Support Our Intergenerational Mission Trip

Riptide Car Wash tickets are available to purchase in the Narthex to support our **Intergenerational Mission Trip**. Half of the proceeds from the tickets will go directly to supporting the cost of the trip for our participants. Two styles of car wash are available: **Hightide** for **\$20** and **Lowtide** for **\$12**. You can purchase tickets with cash or credit card. For more information, stop by the table in the Narthex before and after worship **each Sunday in May** — thank you for your support!

## Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship on **Sunday, May 31**. The purpose of this meeting is to elect new deacons.

## Save the Date!

Join us on **Sunday, June 7** at **11:30 AM** to pack meals for **Rise Against Hunger**. These volunteer-packaged meals will help children and families around the world facing hunger.



## Upcoming Events

### Children & Youth

June  
18-21  
Thu - Sun

**Massanetta Youth Conference**  
For middle school youth

June  
21  
Sunday

**Youth Ice Cream**  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

June  
28  
Sunday

**Kindness Grows Service Event**  
Painting & laying flags at The Long Community  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

### Weekly Activities

Children's Church — Sundays at 10:00 AM

Gym Jam — Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM



## The Upper Room

Every two months, the Deacons offer both small-print and large-print editions of *The Upper Room* as a courtesy to the congregation. This daily devotional includes a Bible passage, a short reflection, and a prayer centered on a Common theme. It provides a quiet and meaningful way to begin your day with God. You will find these booklets at the office entrance, on the coffee table near the front desk, and on the round mahogany table in the narthex. Each booklet includes a voluntary donation envelope, which may be returned to the front desk or placed in the donation box on the round table in the narthex. Your support helps offset the cost of providing this publication, and the Deacons thank you!



## From Your Stewardship Committee: Using God's Gifts to Us

### Who Are Your Beneficiaries?

Many of us have older, sometimes “paid up” life insurance policies or retirement plans (such as a 401(k) from a former employer) that we have not looked at for years. Who have you designated as a beneficiary in those instruments? There could easily be some surprises, like designating your parents before you were married. Be sure to check these provisions to ensure that your house is set in order!

## Chancel Flowers

Each Sunday, the Deacons of the church provide a bouquet of flowers in the Sanctuary for all to enjoy as we worship. After the service, the Deacons divide the flowers, put them into vases, and deliver them to hospitals, nursing homes, and private residences for the enjoyment of our members who are unable to attend our church services.

The cost of the flowers and vases continues to rise, and we need your help to continue this important mission. By making a donation of **at least \$25**, you can honor a special someone or event in your life on a Sunday of your choice.

To honor an individual or event, go to the sign-up board in the Narthex and fill out the chart with your information.

### Submitting Your Donation

#### Check or Cash

- Fill out a paper form (provided on the easel) and place your form and donation of **at least \$25** in the envelope labeled “Chancel Flowers Only”
- Leave the envelope with your donation in the collection plate during service, or return it to the church office

#### Online

- Scan the QR code on the sign-up board and enter a donation amount of **at least \$26**
- Submit your payment through the online portal

*Your name and the honoree's name (or event) will be printed in the bulletin on your chosen Sunday.*

# Worship



## This Week's Scripture

Acts 1:6-11  
"Yes and..."  
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

## Upcoming Preaching Schedule

**May 24**  
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, May 17

- 11:00 AM** Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- 2:30 PM** Curious Conversation at Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown

### Wednesday, May 20

- 12:00 PM** Working Adult Lunch at Sai Gòn Café
- 6:00 PM** Men's Trivia Night at Stoner Grille

### Wednesday, May 27

- 7:00 PM** Highland Performing Arts:  
Highland Chancel Choir & Orchestra

### Thursday, May 28

- 7:00 PM** Ladies Night Out at Horst Arts in Manheim  
(Pay when you arrive; \$35 per person)

### Sunday, May 31

- 11:00 AM** Congregational Meeting

### Saturday, June 6

- 11:00 AM** Strawberry Festival  
at The Long Community

## 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

## From the Pastor's Shelf

Currently, Pastor Allison recommends...



*Considering Sparrows*  
by Kevin Burrell

## 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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