

# The Highland Heartbeat

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

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

*Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 25.*



## Memorial Day: Thank You

To commemorate **Memorial Day** on May 25, we are flying the American flag in the Memorial Garden in honor of the men and women who served in the Armed Services to preserve our freedoms. Come to the garden for a visit, quiet meditation, and prayer — you will find tranquility and beauty there.

## 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.

## A Brief History of Highland

Highland Presbyterian Church began as a shared vision of the Presbytery of Donegal and three Lancaster congregations — First Presbyterian Church, Bethany Presbyterian Church, and Memorial Presbyterian Church — to establish a new church in the growing northern part of the city. That vision took shape in late 1956, and Highland was organized as a congregation in 1957.

The first worship service of the North Lancaster Presbyterian Church was held on November 10, 1957, at the Lancaster Poultry Center. In April 1958, the name Highland Presbyterian Church was chosen, and on May 24, 1958, the church was formally organized with 149 charter members — our founding family in faith.

In 1959, the congregation purchased the Norman Hess farm on Oregon Pike as the site for a permanent home. Ground was broken in December 1959, and the cornerstone was laid in September 1960, establishing the place we continue to worship and serve from today.

Through the years, Highland has been blessed by faithful pastoral leadership, beginning with Rev. Warren H. Ball (organizing pastor) and continuing through Rev. Kirk Hudson, Rev. Ross McClintock, Rev. Larry Chottiner, Rev. Roger Rabey, and Rev. Allison Beaulieu, along with many associate ministers who have shared in the work of ministry.

From 149 charter members, Highland grew to more than 2,000 at its peak and today is still a vibrant congregation. Through every season of growth and change, God has remained faithful, and this congregation has continued to respond with mission, worship, and service.

That faithfulness is still seen in ministries that connect us to one another and to our neighbors: the Giving Tree, Market Share, Upward Basketball, Gym Jam, the Food Cupboard, Scouting Troop 99, and the Samaritan Center on our campus.

Worship and music have always been at the heart of who we are, enriched by a strong music ministry and the Dorothy Rose Smith Concert Series, now Highland Performing Arts. In the Memorial Garden, we remember with gratitude those who have gone before us in faith.

As we celebrate 68 years, we give thanks for all who have built, shaped, and sustained this congregation. Highland continues today with a simple and enduring calling: to connect people with Christ and with one another — a place to be seen, known, and loved, and a story still being written by God’s grace.

*(Thanks to Jack Hynd for the curation of this historical information)!*



## 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!**



## Summer Women's Bible Study

Have you ever felt inadequate — like you're not strong enough, confident enough, or courageous enough to face the challenges of life? Join us for an upcoming **women's Bible study** as we discover together that God is the ultimate source of our strength and sufficiency. Through a study of **II Corinthians** and engaging 30-minute videos by teacher Christine Hoover, we'll explore how God gives us strength to go on through troubles, disappointments, and temptations. Whether you come for just the weekly video, or do the homework as well — you are welcome!

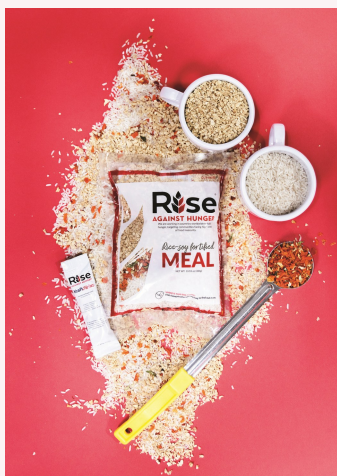


### Details

June 15 to August 3  
Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM  
Room 208

The cost of the workbook is \$22. If you'd like to participate, please contact Barb Droz.

## Packing Meals for Rise Against Hunger



On **Sunday, June 7**, Highland will pack meals for **Rise Against Hunger** in **Fellowship Hall**. All ages are welcome to participate! We will start packing the meals at **11:30 AM**, following worship. Remember that no food or drink is permitted in the meal packing location, so please leave your snacks outside of Fellowship Hall before entering!

## 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. Join this pilot mission to see, know, and love those who care for others. Visit with Lindsay in the narthex after church for more details.

## Juan Calvino Envelope Wall

The El Salvador Mission Trip team invites the congregation to participate in an upcoming Envelope Wall fundraiser on May 31 and June 7 in the Narthex. A display of blank envelopes with numbers inside from 1 to 100 will be available for congregation members to choose from. Participants are invited to take an envelope and contribute at least the amount indicated inside. Every contribution will help support the team's upcoming trip and deepen our connection with our partners. We are grateful for your support!

## Final Ignite Worship

Our final Ignite worship for the Spring will take place on **Sunday, May 31**. Ignite will return in September. Thanks to all to make this weekly worship time meaningful!

## 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.*

## Highland Happenings

### Matthew 25 Group Supports Lancaster's YWCA

On April 25, an enthusiastic team from Highland joined nearly 3,000 participants in the Lancaster YWCA's 28th annual Race Against Racism. Members ran, walked, and cheered alongside the community during the event at Musser Park, which featured live music from local bands and celebrated the YWCA's ongoing mission to eliminate racism and promote peace and justice for all. If you feel called to support justice and outreach efforts like this, consider becoming a part of the Matthew 25 Committee. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month (at Highland and via Zoom). For more information, please contact Laura Rothacker or Lynn Dawson.



# Worship



## This Week's Scripture

Acts 2:1-7, John 20:19-23  
“...The Next Faithful Step”  
Rev. Matt Drumheller

## Upcoming Preaching Schedule

**May 31**  
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

## Upcoming Events

### 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

### Sunday, June 7

**11:30 AM** Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing  
in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, June 10

**7:00 PM** Highland Performing Arts:  
Reji Woods & Company

## 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

## Memorial Day Closing

The church office will be closed on  
Memorial Day as we honor those who lost  
their lives in service to our country.

### 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

### Contact Us

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