

The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, May 31, 2026



Appreciating Our Teachers

There are not enough words to thank the incredible volunteers who have poured their time, energy, creativity, patience, and love into the lives of our children, youth, and families this year. Because of you, our young people have been entertained, celebrated, cared for, encouraged, and reminded that they are deeply seen, known, and loved.

Every Sunday morning — long before families arrive — our volunteers are already hard at work. Some of our Sunday School teachers arrive early to prep classrooms and set out supplies. Others come even earlier, knowing the staff's children may already be playing in the nursery. This kind of care cannot be taught: it comes from people who genuinely love children and understand that ministry often begins long before the "official" start time.

For a glimpse of pure joy, step into the nursery where children race cars along the duct tape racetrack or gather to sing songs and create motions with Ms. Anne. And if you want to see something truly impressive, visit the Kindergarten–3rd Grade classroom to admire the lectionary wheel they have been building throughout the year. In the 4th–6th Grade classroom, our teachers bring Scripture to life through history, storytelling, and visuals. Their dry erase artwork illustrating Old Testament stories is often museum-worthy!

This year's events only happened because of volunteers willing to go above and beyond. Volunteers spent multiple days preparing decorations, building tricky balloon arches, and carefully filling 2,170 Easter eggs one-by-one. Young volunteers entertained little ones, dreamed up creative games, and even launched Peep Balloon Parachutes from the gym announcing booth.

And then there are our youth leaders. If you want to see extraordinary volunteers, spend time at a lock-in or overnight retreat. You'll find adults dedicating their entire weekends to games of volleyball, sleepless nights on gym floors, and caring for kids long after lights out, all while surviving on little caffeine and even less healthy food. These leaders faithfully show up each week to ask thoughtful questions, walk alongside students during confirmation, discuss faith through art, and remind them that Jesus brings peace and comfort through life's storms.

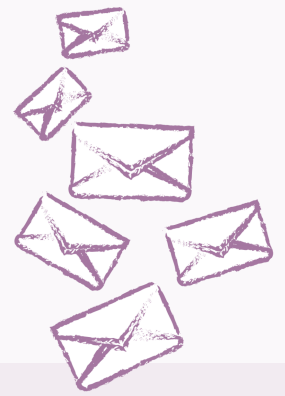
Our volunteers are truly gifts from God — and we believe God has intentionally placed them into the lives of our children and youth as beacons of joy, encouragement, consistency, and grace. Although it is hard to find a gift that could ever fully express our gratitude for the love you have poured into our young disciples, we will have a small token of appreciation waiting for you near the nursery in a bag with your name on it. Thank you for showing up, thank you for serving, and thank you for providing a safe and loving space for all of our young disciples. We could not do this ministry without you.

As always, if you would like to volunteer, we welcome new volunteers and the unique gifts they bring into the lives of our children, youth, and families. There is always room for more caring adults willing to help our young people feel seen, known, and loved.



Juan Calvino Envelope Wall

The El Salvador Mission Trip team invites the congregation to participate in an Envelope Wall fundraiser **today, May 31** and **next Sunday, 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!



Strawberry Festival

The Long Community

Next 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!**



Missing Raincoat

After a recent service, a congregation member's raincoat was accidentally taken. The coat has an EMS tag inside and pepper spray in one of the pockets. If you believe you may have mistakenly taken the wrong coat, please contact the church office so we can return it to its owner!



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!



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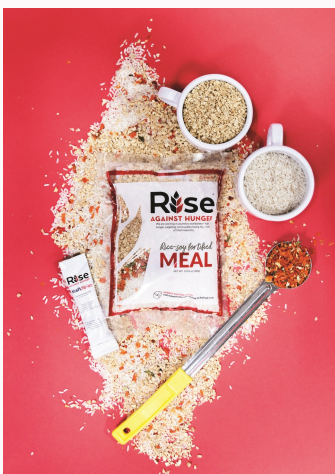
June 15 to August 3

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



Next 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.

Transitional Pastoral Model

By now, hopefully all of you have received the letter about our transitional pastoral model that will take effect on **August 1**. In that letter, we neglected to include the citation from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order that supports this arrangement.

The provision is **G-2.0504b — Temporary Pastoral Relationships**. This section authorizes presbyteries to approve temporary pastoral relationships during times of transition and recognizes models such as transitional, interim, stated supply, and other temporary pastoral arrangements. Under this provision, the Session, in partnership with the presbytery, determines the terms, title, and scope of service for the relationship as the congregation moves through a season of transition and discernment.

We are thankful that Sarah Hostetter will be stepping into the transitional role of Associate Pastor for Congregational Care as we discern the future of the position and assess its long-term sustainability. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Allison.



Prayers for El Salvador Mission Trip

Highland's partnership with **Juan Calvino** in **El Salvador** will take another meaningful step forward this June as a group from our congregation travels to visit our partners in ministry. From **June 9 through 17**, our team will spend time learning, worshiping, serving, and building relationships with members of the Juan Calvino community.

The trip will include opportunities to learn about the ministries of the church and school, visit communities connected to their outreach work, experience the culture and history of El Salvador, and worship alongside our siblings in Christ on Sunday morning. More than anything, this trip is centered on relationship-building. We will deepen the bonds of friendship and faith that connect our congregations across countries and cultures.

We invite the congregation to keep the group, our hosts, and all those we will meet in your prayers as we prepare for this journey together. Upon our return, we look forward to sharing stories and reflections from the experience with the congregation.



Mission Trip Attendees

- Matt Drumheller
- Dick Entz
- Vicki Kutz
- Matt Pammer
- Robin Pammer
- Jack Rothacker
- Jerry Rothacker
- Ryan Rothacker
- Brian Summersgill
- Romina Summersgill

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship **today** to elect a new deacon:



Cherie Cataldi

Cherie Cataldi is a retiree of Lancaster General/Penn Medicine, where she worked as a registered nurse. She completed her R.N. studies at Lancaster General School of Nursing and holds a BSN degree from Eastern Mennonite University. At her previous church, Cherie served as president of the consistory and as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and member of various committees. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her children, grandchildren, and friends. She loves to travel and read, and belongs to a book club and Bible study.

Worship



This Week's Scripture

Romans 8:12-17

"We Are Family"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

June 7

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Upcoming Events

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

From the Pastor's Shelf

Currently, Pastor Allison recommends...

Use the QR code or link
below to learn more about
Monyay Paskalides' story



<https://bit.ly/HPCREAD>



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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