

# The Highland Heartbeat

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

## Sunday, June 21, 2026

### First Reformed Community Meal

One of the ways Highland seeks to love our neighbors is through our partnership with **First Reformed Church** in downtown Lancaster. On **Tuesday, July 7**, we will prepare and serve our third meal this year for members of our community who are experiencing homelessness or food insecurity. This ministry is about more than providing a meal: it is an opportunity to share hospitality, build relationships, and extend Christ's love to our neighbors in a tangible way. Whether you are comfortable preparing food, transporting food and supplies, or serving and greeting guests, there is a place for you to participate. No special experience is required, and volunteers of all ages are welcome. If you have been looking for a meaningful way to serve in our community, we invite you to join us.

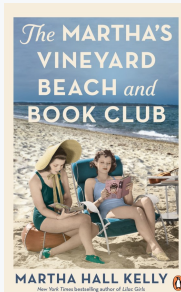
To sign up or learn more about this opportunity, please use the QR code or link below. We hope you'll consider being part of this important ministry to serve our neighbors with compassion & care.



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### Monthly Book Group

Join us on **Wednesday, June 24 at 4:00 PM** in the **Hudson Room** for our monthly book group gathering. This month, we'll discuss *The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club*. The author of the book, **Martha Hall Kelly**, will be available for questions and conversation via Zoom — all are welcome!



## CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES UPCOMING EVENTS



### Sunday, June 28 at 11:30 AM KINDNESS GROWS EVENT

Join us immediately following worship for lunch. Afterwards, we will paint and lay flags at The Long Community!

### Sunday, July 5 – Saturday, July 11 INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP

### Sunday, July 12 at 1:00 PM FAMILY MEETUP: DUTCH WONDERLAND

Purchase your own tickets and meet up at the train by the entrance!

### Highland Performing Arts

Final Boss Big Band

Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 PM

Final Boss Big Band is an 18-piece jazz ensemble that transforms video game soundtracks from classic video games like Mario Bros. and Zelda into high-octane jazz. Formed in 2024 by professional jazz musician Kyle Kratzer, Final Boss Big Band's custom arrangements create an experience that will thrill jazz fans and gamers alike!



## Just Older Youth (JOY): Lunch & Learn

Wondering what's **buzzing** with our **Just Older Youth** group? Well, it's all about **bees**!

Join us on **Thursday, July 9** at **10:45 AM** for an informative 45-minute presentation by Dennis Gorman, President of the Lancaster County Beekeepers Society. We will learn fascinating facts about bees, as well as the importance of protecting our pollinators. And who knows... there **may-bee** some honey and bee-themed prizes!

Join us for lunch in **Fellowship Hall** and enjoy an engaging presentation that supports awareness for our environment!

**Bee** sure to sign up in the narthex **this Sunday** (June 21), next Sunday (June 28), or July 5 to reserve your spot! Registration is **\$5**.



## Food Cupboard Update

### New Collection Site

The **Local Outreach Committee** is pleased to announce a second donation location for the **Food Hub** near the office entrance, in addition to the church collection area. This new cart offers a convenient place to drop off non-perishable food items while attending church activities throughout the week.

Donations such as canned goods, pasta, rice, cereal, and peanut butter help keep the Food Cupboard stocked for neighbors in need, and every donation is a meaningful expression of Christ's love and care for our community.

## Pastor Ann's Farewell

Pastor Ann's final Sunday with us will be **July 26**. As we prepare to send Pastor Ann on to the next chapter of her journey, we hope to surround her with the love, appreciation, and blessings.

Over the next few weeks, Pastor Ann will visit various communities to say farewell and express her gratitude for the many faithful years she has shared with the Highland church family:

### Moravian Manor (Warwick Woodlands Campus)

Wednesday, July 8 | 2:00 PM | Hall of Fame Lounge

### Landis Homes

Thursday, July 16 | 2:00 PM | Harvest Room

### Woodcrest Senior Living Community

Wednesday, July 22 | 1:00 PM | Blue Bird Commons

*A letter was recently sent by mail with information about the ways we plan to celebrate Pastor Ann's ministry and express our gratitude. **Please submit any cards, photos, and contributions for her purse by Wednesday, July 15.***

## A New Way to Stay Connected: Transitioning to Realm



We are excited to announce that Highland will soon be transitioning to **Realm**, a modern church engagement platform designed to help members stay connected, informed, and engaged in the life of our church.

As many of you may know, the ChurchLife app is no longer available for download and the ACS system that supports it is no longer receiving updates or ongoing support. To ensure we continue providing a reliable and user-friendly experience, we will be transitioning to Realm over the next couple of weeks. For those who currently use the ChurchLife app, it will remain available during the transition period.

Through the Realm Connect mobile app, members will be able to receive church news and event updates, communicate with groups and ministry teams, update personal and family information, view giving history, and discover opportunities to serve within the church community.

Additional information, including instructions for downloading the app and details about upcoming training opportunities, will be shared soon. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We look forward to using this new tool to strengthen communication, engagement and connection within our church family!

## From Your HPC Session:

### Exploring Opportunities for Stewardship of Our Facilities

At our annual congregational meeting, finance shared concerns about our current budget challenges and the continued rise in expenses associated with maintaining our expansive church facilities. As Session continues to seek responsible ways to support the church's mission and ensure good stewardship of our resources, we are taking a step to explore potential opportunities for additional revenue.

To that end, Session has approved a six-month agreement with a rental agent to help determine whether there may be organizations interested in using portions of our building that are currently unused or used only infrequently during the work week. This agreement is solely for exploration and information gathering. We are not entering into any rental arrangement at this time, nor have any decisions been made regarding future tenants or building use.

The purpose of this process is simply to conduct due diligence and assess whether there is interest from compatible organizations whose use of available space could help generate revenue to support our growing ministries and offset building maintenance costs.

There is no cost to the church for engaging the rental agent during this exploratory period. A fee will only be incurred if the agent successfully identifies a rental partner and a formal agreement is ultimately reached.

Session will continue to keep the congregation informed as information becomes available and appreciates your prayers and support as we explore opportunities that may strengthen the church's ministry and long-term financial sustainability.

## Highland Happenings

### El Salvador Mission Trip

Our El Salvador mission trip team arrived home safely on Wednesday. We can't wait to share what they learned and experienced. In the meantime, here are a few photos highlighting their week of ministry and fellowship!



# Worship



## This Week's Scripture

Acts 2:14-21  
"Upon All Flesh"  
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

## Upcoming Preaching Schedule

**June 28**  
Sarah Hostetter

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, June 24

**4:00 PM** Monthly Book Group  
in the Hudson Room

### Thursday, June 25

**7:00 PM** Ladies Night Out  
at Dana Mead's house

### Sunday, June 28

**11:30 AM** Children, Youth, & Families:  
Kindness Grows Event

### Wednesday, July 8

**7:00 PM** Highland Performing Arts:  
Final Boss Big Band

### Sunday, July 12

**11:00 AM** Family Meetup at Dutch Wonderland

### Sunday, July 19

**2:00 PM** Family & Youth Event:  
Tubing at Sickman's Mill  
(Sign-up coming soon)

## Weekly Study Groups

### Summer Women's Bible Study

**Until Monday, August 3**  
**Every Monday | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | Room 208**  
Contact: Barb Droz

### Bible Babes Book Club

**Every Tuesday | 6:30 - 8:00 PM | Charter Room**  
Contact: Jan Lyle-Chesnutt, Kori Wise

### Men's Breakfast Group

**Every Wednesday | 7:30 - 9:00 AM | Oregon Dairy**  
Contact: Dick Entz

### 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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