

The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Due to the Independence Day holiday, the office will be closed on Friday, July 3.

Memorial Garden: A Place for Introspection

During service today, a video will be shown about the **Memorial Garden**. After service, there will be a table in the narthex staffed by committee members who can answer questions, show you the access door to the garden, and provide materials or an application. We look forward to seeing you there!

As we contemplate the meaning of our country's 250th birthday, we reflect on the freedoms we enjoy — especially the freedom to practice our religion. In the midst of fireworks and parades, there is also a place for quiet introspection provided by the Memorial Garden. When you sit on one of the benches, you can observe the lush greenery and plants. The flag of our country waves nearby. It's the perfect place to meditate on our freedoms and the sacrifices that were made on our behalf.



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.



<https://bit.ly/4ecjlUg>

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 28) or next Sunday (July 5) to reserve your spot! Registration is **\$5**.



Highland Performing Arts: The Final Boss Big Band

Wednesday, July 8 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

The 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, The Final Boss Big Band's custom arrangements create an experience that will thrill jazz fans and gamers alike!



CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES UPCOMING EVENTS

Today 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!

Today at 7:00 PM

YOUTH ICE CREAM: SON'S IN EAST PETERSBURG

Join us for ice cream, followed by One Night Werewolf game time! Bring some cash!

Sunday, July 5 – Saturday, July 11

INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP

Earth Care: Bottle Caps Collection

The bottle cap art project the congregation worked on last month is now on display in the 100 hallway (past the library), so be sure to check it out! To date, we have shipped approximately **100 pounds** of bottle caps to Terracycle. We will continue to collect bottle caps in the designated box to the **left of the Fellowship Hall entrance**. If you'd like to help fund future donation boxes, please contact Pastor Matt or Candace Reiner.



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.

*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.***

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

Summer Prayer Walk Series

How long has it been since you were in nature, with others, and simply paused to name the many things happening in our world? We invite you to join us in a restorative practice designed to increase community connection, support, and hopefulness. This summer, Highland will offer weekly, guided, contemplative prayer walks around our beautiful campus. Each week, we will combine walking with quiet, prayerful reflection focused on the themes of peace, Earth care, and community healing. Come join us for one or all of the excursions on **Thursday evenings** at **7:00 PM**.

- We'll meet near the Memorial Garden; please arrive 10 minutes early to sign in.
- Bring water, insect repellent, and a sun hat or visor, and wear shoes that are comfortable to walk in.
- All ages are welcome. Individuals 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- Each session will be less than one hour, including opening and closing remarks, as well as an approximately one-mile walk around campus.
- In case of rain, we will walk and pray inside.

While we will have a leader and a sweep to ensure no one is lost or left behind, all walking is at your own pace and risk. People who wish to participate but are unable to walk may sit in the Memorial Garden for prayer. If you have questions, please contact Diane Loucks or the church office.

Weekly Themes

July 9 — Peace

July 16 — Earth Care

July 23 — Community Healing:
Healthcare Equity

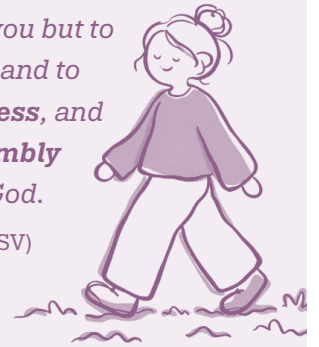
July 30 — Community Healing:
Economic Justice

August 6 — Community Healing:
Political Division

August 13 — Community Healing:
Reconciliation and Belonging

*And what does the Lord
require of you but to
do justice, and to
love kindness, and
to **walk humbly**
with your God.*

- Micah 6:8 (ESV)



Live Lively! Square Dancing

Want an easy way to get moving, use your brain, and enjoy an evening with friends? **Live Lively! Square Dance** has perfect activity for you! Square dancing is one of the most accessible styles of dance — as long as you can move within the square and follow instructions, you have the skills necessary to be a great square dancer! Bring a friend, a group, or just yourself for an introductory class at Highland on **Thursday, July 9** from **6:30 to 8:30 PM**. Their beginner classes are welcoming, inclusive, and only **\$10 per person**.

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!

Worship



This Week's Scripture

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
"View from the Mountain"
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

July 5
Rev. Ken Osborne

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 28

- 11:30 AM** Children, Youth, & Families:
Kindness Grows Event
- 7:00 PM** Youth Meetup: Ice Cream Night
at Son's (East Petersburg)

Wednesday, July 8

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

Sunday, July 12

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

Wednesday, July 15

- 12:00 PM** Working Adult Lunch
at Mr. Bill's Fat Crab Cafe
- 6:00 PM** Men's Trivia Night at Stoner Grille

Sunday, July 19

- 2:00 PM** Family & Youth Event:
Tubing at Sickman's Mill



Please register using the QR code. Tubing is \$30/person. Children in 5th grade and below must be accompanied by an adult.

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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