



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Thank You for Your Support!

This spring and early summer, our congregation generously supported several fundraising efforts that made it possible for members of our church family to serve, learn, and grow in faith beyond the walls of Highland. On behalf of everyone who participated, thank you for your incredible generosity.

Because of your support, our congregation was able to send participants on the El Salvador Mission Trip, the Intergenerational Mission Trip, and to the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference. Each of these experiences offers unique opportunities to deepen faith, build relationships, and serve alongside others. They are transformative experiences not only for those who participate, but also for our congregation as they return with new perspectives, stories, and a renewed commitment to Christ's mission.

Here is the impact of your generosity:

- El Salvador Mission Trip: \$3,400 raised
- Intergenerational Mission Trip: \$5,400 raised
- Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference: \$1,365 raised

Thank you!

These trips would not be possible without the faithful support of this congregation. Whether you purchased a meal, chose an envelope from the mission wall, made a donation, volunteered your time, or offered prayers for those traveling, you became a partner in these ministries.

Introducing Dr. Jeffrey Martin, Highland's new Director of Music Ministry!

We're pleased to announce that Dr. Jeffrey Martin has been chosen to serve as Highland's Director of Music Ministry! Jeff has the faith, worship experience, and professional training to serve us well. More importantly, Highland has already become his church home – a place where he can worship together with his family. That's a rare gift for a musician who's worked on Sundays for most of his life.

Jeff has already started the job, but he and Jonathan Lefever will share some responsibilities this summer. This is a half-time position, so Jeff will also continue his work at Lancaster Bible College. Jonathan will remain Highland's organist and IT Media/Coordinator.



Highland's Music Director Search Committee included Kip Van Blarcom and Joe Chesnutt, Co-Chairs; Linda Shugarts, Daniel Droz, Elizabeth Hess, and Karen Kelley. Jonathan and Pastor Allison participated in meetings and interviews. The beauty of this process is that Jeff felt called to the position, and God confirmed that call through the work of the committee. If you see Jeff, please congratulate him and pray for him in his new role!

Storm Damage Update

Last weekend's storms caused significant damage to our church property and we want to keep the congregation informed about the actions that have been taken in response.

Members of the Board of Trustees have been on-site to assess and document the damage. We are grateful for their quick response and the care they have taken to ensure everything has been thoroughly recorded. We have notified our insurance company and are in the process of initiating a claim. We are gathering repair estimates to submit as part of the claims process. These steps will help us move forward with repairs in a timely and responsible way.

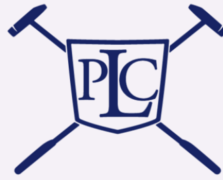
We are thankful that no injuries were reported and appreciate your patience and support as we navigate the next steps. We will continue to share updates as more information becomes available. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement during this time.

Afternoon Out at Lancaster Polo Club

Join the Highland Hilites at the **Lancaster Polo Club** (70 Church St, Lititz, PA 17543)

on **Sunday, July 26** for an afternoon of socializing, spectating polo, and enjoying polo traditions! The theme for this Sunday is Hat Day, so be sure to bring your favorite accessory as well! **Gates open at 1:00 PM** and the **match begins at 2:30 PM**. Admission is **\$10 per person** (cash only), and children 12 and under are free.

We hope to see you there!



Children, Youth, & Families UPCOMING EVENTS

Today at 1:00 PM

FAMILY MEETUP: DUTCH WONDERLAND

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

Sunday, July 26 at 11:30 AM

KINDNESS GROWS EVENT

Join us after worship for lunch, followed by an afternoon of games at The Long Community!

Summer Prayer Walk Series

Next Prayer Walk: Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 PM, with a focus on Earth care

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.

- 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. If you have questions, please contact Diane Loucks or the church office.

Upcoming Themes

July 23 — Community Healing:
Healthcare Equity

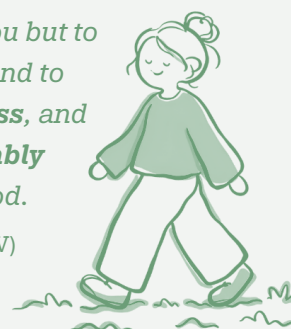
July 30 — Community Healing:
Economic Justice

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)



Pastor Ann's Farewell Tour

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.

*Please submit any cards or contributions for Pastor Ann's 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:

Landis Homes

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

Woodcrest Senior Living Community

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

Fall Congregational Conversation

On February 8, 2026, with Session approval, our pastoral staff read a statement to the congregation regarding their growing concern that our national conversations and policies are becoming ever more cruel, unjust, and antithetical to our commitment to faithfully follow the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As Pastor Allison said in that declaration, "silence in the face of injustice is not neutrality, it is complicity." This pastoral statement has led to extensive discussion by Session, some in our congregation, and even the community outside of Highland. The YouTube video of that service has been viewed several thousand times, far more than our typical online audience.

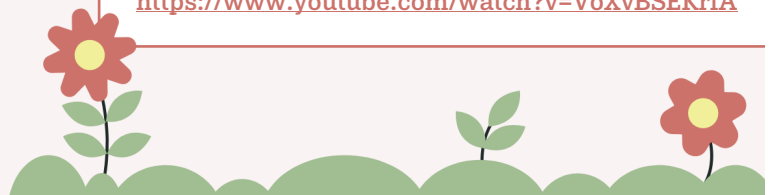
Session recognizes the diversity of perspectives in our church and is eager to create a safe space where all voices are heard whether they affirm the pastoral statement, are uncertain, or even feel challenged by what was said. It is vital that any discussion be centered not on politics, but on gospel faithfulness and the role of the church in loving our neighbors and creating a better, safer world for all of God's children.

In that spirit, we are planning a **Congregational Conversation** this fall, likely in late September or early October. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend — we will share a luncheon meal, meet in small groups facilitated by Session, and come back together as a church to discuss what we heard. Our goal is to listen to all voices in the congregation and try to discern together where Highland should go as we engage with the world outside the church walls. You will be hearing more about this as the summer progresses and ask for your prayers as we try to discern where God is leading us.



To view the pastor's statement from February, visit the link below or scan the QR code.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoXvBSEKrfA>



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

Stewardship During the Summer Months

Highland's ministry, mission work, and day-to-day operations continue throughout the summer, and so do the expenses that make them possible.

The local, national, and global missions supported by Highland rely on faithful, consistent giving all year long. Likewise, the utilities and other essential services that keep our church running continue without a summer break.

As you enjoy the summer months, we encourage you to keep your giving up to date whenever you are able. Your continued faithfulness helps ensure that Highland's ministries and outreach remain strong and continue making a difference in our community and around the world.

Worship

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This Week's Scripture

Romans 12:1-13
"Mission Trip Reflections"

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

July 19

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 12

1:00 PM Family Meetup at Dutch Wonderland

Wednesday, July 15

12:00 PM Working Adult Lunch
at Mr. Bills 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.

Sunday, July 26

7:00 PM Ladies Night Out at Harvest

Sunday, July 26

11:30 AM Kindness Grows Event

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

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

Director of Music Ministries — Dr. Jeffrey Martin

IT/Media Coordinator & Organist — Jonathan Lefever

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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