



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Highland Performing Arts Upcoming Concert

Lancaster British Brass Band

Join us on **Thursday, August 6** at **7:00 PM** for an unforgettable evening with the Lancaster British Brass Band — a 31-piece ensemble featuring musicians from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey. The band brings together talented soloists, ensemble players, and music educators under the direction of Dr. Tina DiMeglio, an accomplished conductor, clarinetist, and educator.



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!

Summer Prayer Walk Series

Next Prayer Walk: Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 PM, with a focus on healthcare equity

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 every Thursday evening for a restorative practice designed to increase community connection, support, and hopefulness.

- Meet us near the Welcome Center in the Narthex; please arrive 10 minutes early to sign in.
- Bring water, insect repellent, 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.

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



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.

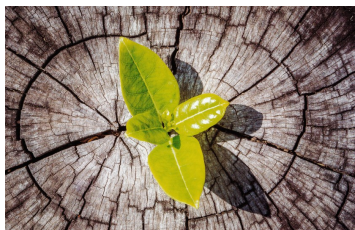
In that spirit, we are planning a **Congregational Conversation** this fall, likely in late September or early October. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend — we will share a luncheon meal, meet in small groups facilitated by Session, and come back together as a church to discuss what we 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>

Worship



This Week's Scripture

Ephesians 3:14-21 (The Message)
“Rooted and Grounded in Love”

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

July 26
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Events

Today, 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.

Thursday, July 23

7:00 PM Ladies Night Out at Harvest

Sunday, July 26

11:30 AM Kindness Grows Youth Event
2:30 PM Hilites Afternoon Out
at Lancaster Polo Club

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