



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Help Furnish Rooms for TLC

We are pleased to announce a new way for Highland to play a leading role in addressing homelessness and housing needs in Lancaster County by supporting our long-term partner organization, **Transitional Living Center (TLC)**. This fall, TLC will reopen a newly renovated shelter, which will provide 52 transitional rooms for individuals, families, and veterans. Six of the rooms will be accessible for those with disabilities.

Tenfold has already raised most of the money needed to renovate this transitional living center, so we are accepting donations to furnish one or more of the rooms. We are asking for monetary contributions rather than donations of furniture, since TLC will be standardizing the furnishings in the rooms to ensure proper maintenance and longevity.

Week 1 Update

Thanks to your generosity, Highland has already raised more than **\$3,000** to support TLC — enough to furnish an **entire room!** Your support is helping create welcoming and comfortable spaces for individuals, families, and veterans as they take steps towards stable housing.

Calling All Recent Visitors!

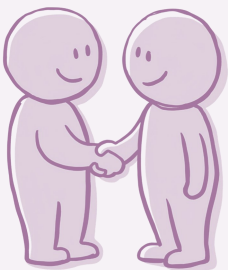
Are you a visitor at Highland? If so, join us for a get-together after worship service on **Sunday, August 30** in **McClintock Chapel**. This will be an opportunity for you to interact with staff members and each other, learn more about the overall scope of Highland's ministry, and get answers to some questions that you might have — we look forward to seeing you then! For more information, please contact Larry & Anita Ewing or the church office.

Women's Bible Study at Willow Valley

A new women's Bible study group will begin meeting on **Wednesday, September 2!** They will meet monthly on the **first Wednesday at 10:00 AM** in the **Spring Run Conference Room at Willow Valley**. The group welcomes all, no matter where you are on your journey of faith. This year's study is called *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: A Study of First Corinthians*. For more information, please contact Barb Droz or the church office.



Are You Considering Membership at Highland?



If so, we invite you to join us at one of our next **New Member Classes**, offered on either **Saturday morning, September 12**, or **Thursday evening, September 17**. Child care is provided. New members will be welcomed into the congregation during worship on **Sunday, September 27**, so mark your calendar and save these dates! In the meantime, we encourage visitors to get involved and become an active part of our church community. To register for a class, please contact Larry & Anita Ewing or the church office.

A Gift for Sarah's Ordination

Our Transitional Associate Pastor, **Sarah Hostetter**, will be ordained on **Sunday, October 4**, and we would love to celebrate this beautiful milestone in her journey to ministry with a special gift from Highland.

If you would like to contribute toward Sarah's ordination stole, you may make your check payable to **Highland Presbyterian Church** and write "**Sarah's stole**" in the memo line.

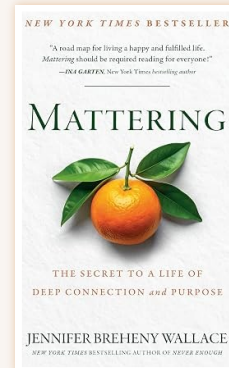
Thank you for helping us celebrate Sarah and this meaningful moment in her call to ministry!



Highland Book Group

The book group will meet **Wednesday, September 23** to discuss *Mattering: The Secret Life of Deep Connection & Purpose* by Jennifer Breheny Wallace.

The book group meets in **Room 208** at **1:00 PM** — all are welcome!



Volunteers Needed!

Earth Care

The Earth Care Committee is planning additional plantings near the Roseville Road sign and is looking for gardening enthusiasts to lend a hand! Volunteers are also needed to help water the plants once or twice a week over the next couple of months. Schedules are flexible, and having two or three people each time makes the job easier.

Interested in helping beautify our church campus? Please contact Sheryll Waite or the church office.

Food & Fellowship

Do you enjoy helping in the kitchen or supporting church fellowship events? Linda Brackbill could use a few extra hands to help with upcoming food and fellowship activities. Whether you can assist with setup, serving, cleanup, or other kitchen tasks, your help would be greatly appreciated!

If you're interested in volunteering, please send an email to food@highlandpc.org.

Fall Congregational Conversation

In February of this year, 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 statement has prompted meaningful discussion within Highland and the wider community.

Recognizing the diversity of perspectives in our congregation, Session is holding a Congregational Conversation on **Sunday, September 20**. We will share a meal, gather in small groups, and come together to listen and discern where God is leading Highland.

REGISTER FOR THE CONVERSATION

*If you would like to participate in this conversation, please register using the QR code/link below, or sign up at the kiosk in the Narthex after Sunday worship service. The link to register can also be found on our website at highlandpc.org/congregational-conversation. Registration closes on **September 13**.*

VIEW THE PASTORAL STATEMENT

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



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



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Rally Day 2026: Let's Start the Year Together!

Mark your calendars for **Rally Day** on **Sunday, September 13!** As summer winds down, Rally Day is our joyful opportunity to come home — to reconnect as a family of faith, celebrate God's goodness, and begin a new program year together. The day will be filled with worship, music, food, fun, and fellowship for all ages. During worship, **Pastor Allison** will launch a brand-new sermon series, **Order of Operations**, exploring how God calls us to prioritize our lives.



After worship, the celebration continues with:

- The **Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra**
- A delicious lunch
- An ice cream truck
- Games and activities for the whole family
- Plenty of time to reconnect with friends old and new

Rally Day is also a time to renew our commitment to Christ's work through Highland. As you enjoy the festivities, you'll have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer ministries that help our church thrive. As we gather again after the summer months, let's celebrate all that God has done, look forward to what God has in store, and commit our time, talents, and hearts to serving together.

We can't wait to see you on Sunday, September 13!



2026 Advent Devotional: Help Design the Cover!

This year's devotional will focus on the four weeks of Advent:
HOPE, PEACE, JOY, & LOVE

Would you like to create the cover for our **2026 Advent Devotional**? We're looking for an original work of art that illustrates the themes of **hope, peace, joy, and love**. You may use any artistic medium as your artwork will be photographed for the cover. Please submit any artwork to Amanda Peters at amandapeters@highlandpc.org by the **end of September**.

Be sure to also join us on **Rally Day (September 13)**, when you'll have the opportunity to sign up to write a devotion inspired by one of the four themes!

Thank You, Gus!

For the past four years, Gus Beaulieu has been an incredibly dedicated member of our church's AV team. Week after week, he has worked behind the scenes, often nearly every Sunday, to help make our livestream possible. Much of the camerawork our online viewers see each week is thanks to Gus's steady and faithful work.

Gus has also been an important part of our Ignite worship, helping with AV and making sure the technical side runs smoothly. In addition, he has shared his musical gifts with our congregation, contributing at the piano numerous times in worship.

We are very grateful for the time, energy, talent, and commitment Gus has given to our church over these past four years. As he heads off to college and begins this exciting new chapter, we wish him every success and all the very best. Thank you, Gus, for everything you have done for Highland!

— Jonathan Lefever, IT/Media Coordinator and Organist



Worship



This Week's Scripture

Romans 12:1-8,
Matthew 16:13-20
"Claimed and Called"
Rev. Matt Drumheller

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

August 30

Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson,
Director of Education for the Arc of Ministry
Board of Pensions of PCUSA

Upcoming Events

Today, August 23

6:00 PM Youth Mini Golf at Village Greens

Thursday, August 27

7:00 PM Ladies Night Out at Harvest

Sunday, August 30

11:00 AM Gathering of Recent Visitors

3:00 PM Kindness Grows Event
at The Long Community
(Meet in Youth Room)

Saturday, September 12

8:30 AM New Member Class

Sunday, September 13

All Day! Rally Day

Thursday, September 17

6:30 PM New Member Class

Weekly Study Groups

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

Monthly Study Groups

Women's Bible Study

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2

1st Wednesday | 10:00 AM

Spring Run Conference Room at Willow Valley

Contact: Barb Droz

Monthly Book Group

STARTING SEPTEMBER 23

4th Wednesday | 1:00 PM | Room 208

Contact: Juanita Fowler

Worship

Sundays at 10:00 AM

Program Staff

Senior Pastor — Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Associate Pastor for Missions & Discipleship — Rev. Matt Drumheller

Transitional Associate Pastor for Congregational Care — Sarah Hostetter

Parish Associate — Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Director of Music Ministry — Dr. Jeffrey Martin

IT/Media Coordinator & Organist — Jonathan Lefever

Director of Children & Family Ministries — Vacant



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Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Friday

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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