



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Ordination Service for Sarah Hostetter

Join us on **Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 PM** for a special service celebrating Sarah Hostetter and her call to ministry. This will be a joyful afternoon as we gather to support Sarah and celebrate this milestone in her journey of faith and service. Following the service, we'll continue the celebration with dinner in Fellowship Hall! Guests are invited to wear red — an ordination tradition!

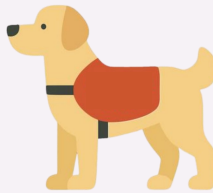


Please RSVP to let us know if you will be attending, whether you will be joining us for dinner, and any food allergies or sensitivities we should be aware of.

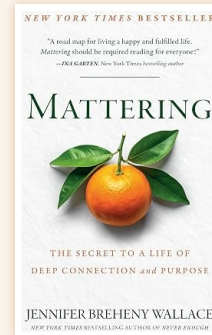


JOY Luncheon: Paws & Purpose

The next JOY Luncheon is **this Thursday, September 24!** We'll gather at **10:45 AM**, with lunch served at **11:00 AM**, followed by a special presentation from **Jenn King**, the **Community Outreach Liaison** with **United Disability Services**. Jenn will share how service dogs are trained and explain their valuable roles in mobility, medical, and educational settings. And because we're "going to the dogs," we'll even have some special canine visitors joining us! Registration is **\$5** — **today is the last day to sign up in the Narthex after worship!**



Highland Book Group



The book group will meet on **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!

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunity

The **Lancaster/Lebanon Habitat for Humanity** organization started 40 years ago with the help of Highland members, and we have an opportunity to continue that collaboration at the house under construction on Linden Street in Columbia on **Thursday, October 15**.

On that day, we will be painting and working on trim, so volunteers of **ALL SKILL LEVELS** are welcome. The experienced construction staff will train everyone on how to safely and professionally complete their assigned projects, and we will provide any tools or personal protective equipment that you may need that day.

There are also open slots on **Friday, October 16** if that fits your schedule better. Please contact the church office to sign up for this date.

Volunteer to Help!

There are 4 half-day shifts (8:00-11:30 AM) and 8 full-day shifts (8:00 AM-3:30 PM) available for volunteers.



Scan the QR code or visit lhfh.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/Highland to register!

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will resume **next Sunday, September 27**, immediately after worship from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**. This fall, we will study the New Testament letters of **1, 2, and 3 John**, exploring their message about faith, love, truth, and life together as followers of Christ. All are welcome to join us!

Realm: Getting Started

Our transition to **Realm** is underway! Realm is Highland's new engagement platform, making it easier to stay connected with church news, events, groups, ministries, giving information, and opportunities to get involved.

Need help getting started? We're here to help! Instructional sheets are available for Windows, Apple, and Android devices, with step-by-step instructions for creating your account, logging in, and reviewing your information. This information can also be found on our website at highlandpc.org/realm.

We'll have volunteers available after worship today in the Narthex to help you download the Realm Connect app and get set up. Bring your phone or tablet, and we'll walk you through the process!

2026 Advent Devotional: Which Theme Speaks To You?

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

Which Advent theme speaks to you? You can share your thoughts with others in a devotion focused on the theme of your choosing. Find our table in the Narthex after worship service today to sign up!

We're also still looking for an original work of art that illustrates the themes of **hope, peace, joy, and love** for the cover of the devotional — please submit artwork to Amanda Peters at amandapeters@highlandpc.org by the **end of September**!



Treasures in Our Midst

Highland's newest artifact, the **Fallen Tree Plaque**, was created by **Bob Kornman** to commemorate the majestic oak uprooted in Lancaster's devastating July 4th storm. As a landscape architect, Bob played an integral role on the Memorial Garden committee in the design of the garden, where the tree had long been a cherished part of the landscape. His plaque honors it, along with the more than thirty other trees on the church campus that were lost in the storm.

His solution was simple and fitting: he "rescued" a small piece of the fallen tree and mounted it on a plain wooden board. The plaque hangs in the doorway near the library that leads to the garden from the narthex.

- The Art & Artifacts Committee



Your Earth Care Committee Asks: Did You Know?

Planting native plants has numerous ecological advantages! Here are just a few of the reasons that **Audubon Society** suggests planting natives in your garden:

- **Ecosystem Support** — Native plants form the foundation of local ecosystems, providing essential habitats for wildlife.
- **Water Conservation** — They typically require less water than non-native species, helping to conserve this vital resource.
- **Biodiversity Enhancement** — Planting native species increases biodiversity, which is crucial for ecosystem health.
- **Soil Protection** — Native plants help prevent soil erosion and improve soil health.
- **Pollinator Attraction** — They attract native pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, which are vital for food production.



CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 26 | 6:00 PM

FAMILY MEETUP AT CHERRY CREST

Meet us at **Cherry Crest Adventure Farm** (150 Cherry Hill Rd., Ronks, PA 17572) for some classic fall activities, including a corn maze!



Saturday, October 24 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for an afternoon of decorated trunks, happy faces, and plenty of treats for kids from our church and community at our annual Trunk or Treat event!



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

**Every Wednesday
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

Gym Jam
in the Gymnasium

**Every Sunday
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Youth Group
in The Youth Center

Sunday, October 4

Upward Basketball Registration Opens

Highland Happenings

Rally Day 2026

Thank you to everyone who came together to celebrate and reconnect for Rally Day last Sunday! We hope you enjoyed the music, food, ice cream, activities, and most of all, the gift of gathering together in fellowship!

We're especially grateful for the many members who discovered new ways to get involved and share their gifts at Highland. Your willingness to serve, connect, and participate is what helps Highland thrive. We're excited to see where these new opportunities lead us in the year ahead!



Worship



This Week's Scripture

Exodus 20:1-17,
Mark 12:28-31
“Order of Operations”
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

September 27
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Events

Today, September 20

- 11:00 AM** Congregational Conversation
1:00 PM Game Day Challenge (with Kindness Grows)

Thursday, September 24

- 10:45 AM** JOY Luncheon: Paws & Purpose
7:00 PM Ladies Night Out at Harvest

Saturday, September 26

- 6:00 PM** Family Meetup
at Cherry Crest Adventure Farm

Sunday, October 4

- 4:00 PM** Ordination Service for Sarah Hostetter
(Please RSVP: bit.ly/3U3ZPIQ)

Wednesday, October 14

- 7:00 PM** Highland Performing Arts:
Marcos Krieger, Organist

Wednesday, October 21

- 12:00 PM** Working Adult Lunch at Pizzeria LUCA
6:00 PM Men's Trivia Night at Stoner Grille

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

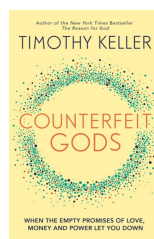
Monthly Study Groups

Women's Bible Study

1st Wednesday | 10:00 AM
Spring Run Conference Room at Willow Valley
Contact: Barb Droz

From the Pastor's Shelf

This week, Pastor Allison recommends...



Counterfeit Gods
by Tim Keller

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



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Friday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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