



The Highland Heartbeat

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

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Highland Afghan Resettlement Initiative Needs Your Help: A young Afghan woman whom Highland resettled in Lancaster in 2021 now has an opportunity to bring the rest of her family to the US. Sahar's father is a doctor who, while vaccinating children in Afghanistan for the World Health Organization, was kidnapped, tortured, and held for ransom by the Taliban. He managed to escape and fled with his wife and four children to Pakistan. We learned this week that through a government organization called Welcome Corps, Sahar can be reunited with her family if she can get a Sponsorship Group AND part of the initial \$15,000 cost by **July 31st**. We have the group together (woo hoo!) but need your help with the finances. A GoFundMe page has been set up and there will be another fundraising opportunity through the church, pending Session approval. <https://gofund.me/a57a8223> For more information please contact Lynn Dawson, Co-Chair, Highland Resettlement Initiative & Matthew 25 Committee.



HIGHLAND AFGHAN
RESETTLEMENT INITIATIVE



"Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Mark 5:21-43

SERMON: "Jesus the Healer: Making House Calls and Running Triage"

PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 28 ~ Pastor Allison

August 11 ~ Pastor Matt

August 25 ~ Pastor Allison

September 8 ~ Pastor Allison

August 4 ~ Pastor Ann

August 18 ~ Pastor Allison

September ~ Pastor Matt

September 15 ~ Pastor Allison



VIEWING OF ONLINE SERVICES

- Go to www.youtube.com
- In the YouTube search bar, type "Highland Presbyterian Church"
- You should see the Highland picture (as seen below) at the top of the search results, click it.
- Here, you will find all of our weekly services and devotionals by date, including our recent online services.
- Worship services are livestreamed here at 10 am on Sunday mornings so you can watch it as it happens.

GIVING

- Mail your contributions to Highland Presbyterian church at 500 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.
- Go to our www.highlandpc.org and select the "Give Now" button in the upper right-hand corner. It will walk you through how to give using your credit or debit card.
- Scan the QR code below and it will take you to the online giving on our website.

If you have general questions, please contact Mike Nolt, Church Administrator at mikenolt@highlandpc.org or call the church office at 717-569-2651.



PRAYER LIST

In Memory

Family of Donald Pentz

Family of Gene Hannum

Family of Hazel & Walter Wright

In Prayer

Maggie Brightman

(family member of the Gazdziak's)

Robert Coup

Judy Eyster

Pete Faber

Linda Guimond

Lois Hagedorn

Luther Heiser

Deb Herr & Family

Marge Herrmann

Gretchen Laubach

Family of Jim Loose

Joyce McClintock

Bill & Marge Mann

Dave Morton (relative of Jen Winter)

Shirley Offermann

Dorie Steinman

John Wolfe

Our Nation

PASTOR ON CALL

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

July 29 ~ August 4



Names found on the Heartbeat prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days. If you would like the name to be included after 30 days, please contact the church office to re-add them. To request a name to be added to the Prayer List, kindly first obtain permission from the individual then call the church office to have them added.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GPS team met on June 24th to review the draft of our five year plan. We have some exciting news! Some “low hanging fruits” were identified during our discernment process in the categories of mission, discipleship, and worship. These “low hanging fruits” are easily achievable dreams and will give us a chance to get started and build momentum.



During the process, the team reviewed and established action goals for each category. It is our hope that through worship, we can praise God who fully sees us and truly loves us; through mission, we serve God by seeing and loving our neighbors and the Earth in the way that God does; and through discipleship, we lead everyone, (children, youth, and adults,) into a relationship with God who yearns to know us intimately.

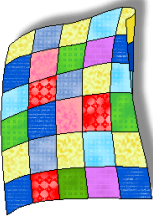
Some of the low hanging fruit include enhancing and focusing on current missions, strengthening our youth and intergenerational fellowship, getting to know our neighbors, assessing our current facilities and physical space, understanding our member's interests, talents, and needs, creating new stewardship opportunities, and expanding our music programs.

We understand in order for the plan to be successful all of us must build upon our strengths, stay true to Highland's DNA, honor our legacies of music, worship, and mission, and strive to live out our vision statement. While we go on this journey as a congregation and church, we must allow for organic changes, experimentation, adjustments of the plan, feedback opportunities, and be realistically ambitious.

The next milestone is to receive approval from Session. Session will be meeting on August 6th to discuss the GPS progress and finalize the plan. We look forward to keeping you updated and appreciate the continued prayers and support! *GPS Team leaders*

Committee Spotlight

The Highland Quilters are a group of women who create quilted items. Some of the items are baby quilts, full size quilts, lap quilts, placemats, table runners, wall hangings, microwave bowls and pot holders.



Quilts are made both by individuals and as a group. Quilts are presented to babies at Highland upon baptism and homeowners on Highland's mission trips. Baby quilts are also given to first time mothers through a social program at LGH. When quilts are sold, the proceeds are given to nonprofits that benefit women and children. Monies are given to Highland, the Lancaster Community and Internationally. The Quilters meet every Wednesday morning from 9 to noon including a group lunch. The Quilters are made up of all sewing levels from beginners to highly skilled quilters. Everyone is welcome to visit and/or join the group. Juanita Fowler is the point person and staff support is Pastor Ann.

This week we also spotlight the **Food and Fellowship committee**, which serves food at Highland events large and small, including funeral/memorial luncheons, Sunday morning after service receptions, various church-wide events like Rally day, the Senior Christmas party and PW Christmas tea. The volunteers are notified of an event day and time by email and if someone is available, they sign up. Linda Brackbill is the head of Food and Fellowship.

Stewardship During the Summer Months Highland's ministry, missions, and operations – along with the expenses that are connected with them – continue during the summer months.

The numerous local, national, and world-wide missions supported by Highland depend on us for regular, ongoing funding throughout the year. And the utilities that supply Highland with power, gas, and water do not take vacations.

With these and other needs in mind, let us keep up with our pledges in the months to come.

Senior Fellowship Breakfast – Join us **Thursday, August 2** at Oregon Dairy starting at **9 am** for a time of sharing and caring while we eat! We meet in a small room off the main dining area set aside for us. Breakfast is pay for what you order and comes with a free donut and glass of milk. Get to know your fellow mature HPC members better. Bring stories to tell and concerns to share. Please contact the church office with any questions.



MISSION & OUTREACH CORNER

Volunteer opportunities: Below you will find an array of ways to help serve others and get to know your fellow Highland members as you work together. Please consider volunteering for one of these opportunities. Check below if any interest you. **The contact names are listed, or you can call the church office who will put you in touch with the lead person of each committee or by calling the church office at 717-569-2651.**

Arch Street - Arch Street is one of the local missions that Highland supports. It is a daily program for adults living with serious mental illness. Once a month Highland provides a meal for Arch Street. This involves making a casserole and/or cookies at home, then bringing it to the church where Linda Neumann will pick it up and deliver it to Arch Street

Caring Meals - These meals are under the Deacons' umbrella. When someone has been hospitalized or for some other reason is unable to prepare meals, one or two meals are brought to their home. Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal at home, often a main dish or soup, salad, vegetable, and dessert. This is an opportunity to prepare your specialty. Contact is Sara Shank.

Coffee Hour- This is a Sunday morning commitment. Coffee Prep: Come to church 45 minutes early, prepare the coffee and set up in the narthex. Coffee Clean Up: Clean up both the coffee hour area in the narthex and in the kitchen. Both time slots are about 45 minutes to an hour. You are able to attend the church service and/or listen to it as it is broadcast in the kitchen. This task is done with one other person. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen or see Jerry Rothacker

Funeral Meals - These meals and/or receptions are held as needed. You can make desserts and/or other foods. Help is also needed for serving and/or clean up. Contact is Ginny Kleppinger.

Hospitality - Special events, lunches, receptions, etc. Days and times vary. You are needed to help with food preparation, room set up, serving and/or clean up. An hour or more as needed. Contact is Linda Brackbill.



Market Share has made two donations!! \$850 was given to both Blessings of Hope and Anchor Lancaster. These organizations do a fabulous job reaching out to help the food insecure in Lancaster County. Thank you for supporting our own Market Share to be able to do this mission work with your purchase of grocery gift cards in the Narthex every Sunday morning.

A Summer Book Reading Suggestion: Highland's Matthew 25 group invites you to join us in reading the book *Brown Faces, White Spaces* by Latasha Morrison. "The *New York Times* bestselling author of *Be the Bridge* calls people of faith to be a part of lasting change and help heal the racial disparity in our country—together.. Many of us feel overwhelmed by the problem, unsure how we can make a difference. Yet God calls the church to stand firmly committed to racial reconciliation—and for each one of us to make choices that lead to healing... This honest, hope-filled book shows us how we can reform historically white spaces and create systems that work for the good good of all." A book discussion group is planned this Fall and all are invited to attend. More details to follow soon.

