



The Highland Heartbeat

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

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September Sermon Series

Sermon Series ~ September 8- September 29 Through many months of prayer, congregational conversations, and discernment, we have completed the strategic plan that will guide Highland for the next 3-5 years. We heard common themes about what has kept you at Highland and we also heard common dreams too. Much of those dreams revolve around Highland being a spiritual home where we can deepen our individual and collective faith as we walk together on the path to being *seen, known, and loved*. This sermon series will dive into the strategic plan and reflect on how we are being called to participate in God’s mission in the world. Our vision centers around being “seen, known, and loved,” so we will look at some of Jesus’ most famous encounters where he shows us very clearly how to live out that vision. We will start the series with a sermon on “The Road to Emmaus.” After that, we will consider Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well and Nicodemus. We’ll also reflect on one of Jesus’ most famous parables, “The Good Samaritan.” I can’t wait to unveil our strategic plan through these wonderful stories. My hope is that they will inspire us to live into this plan and all the wonderful God-sized dreams we have for Highland.

See you in worship! *In Christ, Pastor Allison*



Attention Committee Chairs and Group leaders ~ On Rally Day, September 8 There will be clipboards to recruit folks for your committee. This is an opportunity for people to learn about your group and indicate their interest.

VOLUNTEER Please send your group’s information to the church Attn: donnastettler@highlandpc.org by August 23. A volunteer information sheet will be created for your group and placed out on Rally Day and the week after. The sign-ups will then be returned to you with any interested individuals contact information. If you are looking for volunteers or new members, please send Donna the following:

- A brief description of your group, what they do, what you need.
- The time commitment and frequency - once a month, every week, as needed etc.
- If it's a committee, when they meet.

If you are involved in more than one committee/group feel free to recruit for each separately.

This is a great way for others to learn about the ministries of Highland and become involved!

WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Psalm 130 *and* Ephesians 4:25-5:2
SERMON: "Holy Emotions"

PREACHING SCHEDULE

August 18 ~ Pastor Allison
September 1 ~ Pastor Matt
September 15 ~ Pastor Allison
September 29 ~ Pastor Allison
October 13 ~ Pastor Allison

August 25 ~ Pastor Allison
September 8 ~ Pastor Allison
September 22 ~ Pastor Allison
October 6 ~ Pastor Allison
October 20 ~ Sarah Hostetter



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 Judy Eyster
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
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. Bob Burns
August 12 ~ August 18



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

Meet and greet ~ Sunday, August 25 ~ Meet and greet with Sarah Hostetter and Pastor Matt Drumheller. During our worship service on August 25th Pastor Allison will lead a conversation in getting to know each of our new staff members. Following worship you will have the opportunity to join us for food and fellowship.

Save the Date!

Rally Day ~ Sunday, September 8 Join us for a day that starts with the return of Ignite (extended praise time 9:20-9:50am) in the Sanctuary followed by our Traditional Worship at 10am. Following worship, we will enjoy food, fellowship and live music by Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra in Fellowship Hall. This will be the tenth anniversary of the Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra offering music for this annual event. **Plan to join us! Sign-up to help us plan.** Sign-ups start next Sunday the 18th.

Save the Date!

Presbyterian Women will once again send Christmas gift bags filled with toiletries, etc, to all the residents at Red Rose Assisted Living. How can you help? Collect any toiletries you don't use in hotels as you travel this summer. Use your remaining dollars from Medicare Advantage quarterly pharmacy plan to order the items like toothpaste, mouthwash, and toothbrushes. See a deal while you are shopping, think of this mission work and pick up extra. Thanks for your support!



Community Connection ~ A note shared by Amy Kane a parent that took part in the West Virginia Mission Trip. She received a letter from the Deputy Chief of Morgantown Police Department that read: "Dear Ms. Kane, Thank you again to you and your crew for your time and hard work. I am still amazed that you came to us all the way from Eastern PA! I didn't think a simply thank you sufficiently conveyed our appreciation, so please accept this humble gesture and know that your work didn't just improve our physical community but our faith in humanity." The chief also sent along gift to the crew that helped to paint the fence along the Rail-Trail! The box contained frisbees, keychains, and beach balls that will be distributed to the 11 year and younger group.



Committee Spotlight

This week we highlight the Veritas Preschool at Highland committee. This is a joint committee with Veritas, chaired by the Veritas Preschool Director Meghan Lake, which meets a few times each year to keep communication lines open between Highland and Veritas. The Veritas Preschool, which uses our facility in rooms near the gym, serves three-years-old through Pre-K students, and includes Bible in their curriculum. Highland members on this committee are Barb Droz and Lynn Dawson, with staff member Mike Nolt.

Attention committee chairs! Have you been missed in the Committee Corner? To date we have highlighted 28 committees, with just a few more to go. If you were missed, please see Barb Droz, so we can get your information into a future Heartbeat.

Library News- The library is back to it's usual look, slightly modified, with puzzles on the square tables and lower shelves of the Fiction genre. Books are on the round table and on the shelves.



Books have a card in the back that should be signed, dated and dropped in the basket up front on the bookshelves. Please check out anything that looks interesting. Also, on the round table is a basket full of Devotional books. Please feel free to take any of them to keep or pass on to a friend. There are no cards involved. Happy reading!

MISSION & OUTREACH CORNER

You will most likely recognize the name of Sahar, whom Highland resettled from Afghanistan to the United States in 2021. Sahar's father is a doctor who works with the World Health Organization. While vaccinating children against polio recently, he was kidnapped by the Taliban. They threatened his life and accused of being an American spy. They interrogated and tortured him, intending to demand a ransom for his release. After six terrifying days, he was released with the expectation that he would get funds for them. He and his family fled from their home.



In partnership with Church World Services, the Highland Resettlement Initiative has recruited a support team for Sahar's family. They are raising money to bring Sahar's family to safety. You have been encouraged to contribute to the public fundraiser to support the resettlement of Sahar's family. This week, the Session of Highland Presbyterian Church approved an official Highland fundraiser to further

support this effort. There are so many desperately tragic situations around the world about which we fear we can do nothing. But this is an opportunity to respond to Christ's call to care for our neighbors and to make a tangible difference in the lives of Sahar and her family. Please consider contributing to this fundraiser. Any donations can be made to Highland Presbyterian Church with a note for the "HARI Initiative". Thank you for your support.

Put Your Caring Gifts to Use to Connect with Others! Parish Visitors are caring professionals who reach out and support care receivers of all types, offering active listening, care, prayer and support. Each parish visitor decides on the kind of support they choose to offer and are then matched with members and guests who need this type of support. Frequent contact occurs through phone calls, cards, emails, and visits where appropriate given the constraints of residents' locations. This year Parish Visitors have attended memorial services, graveside services, taken their care receivers to lunch or dinner after church, and stayed in touch as is appropriate for each Parish Visitor and the people they are visiting. Some have delivered food when needed, but all the Parish Visitors continue to support their individuals. Pastor Ann offers a one-hour periodic training for men and women to serve as Parish Visitors.

Hospital Visitors visit members in local hospitals and rehab centers helping to support regular Ministers' visits. After training, volunteers determine which weekday they want to visit and receive assignments and locations from Pastor Ann. Volunteers are also needed to visit hospice and skilled care centers or work as teams to assure that Highland's members and guests receive frequent visits. In addition, Deacons visit on Sundays, taking flowers from the service to hospitalized congregants. Ministers and Parish Associates also make regular visits with hospitalized congregants, also visiting rehab, personal care, and retirement center locations. More hospital visitors are needed, and Pastor Ann is scheduling a training event in mid-October.

Health and Hope (Project Goal) This ministry supports educational events, networking and resources for families dealing with the effects of a family member dealing with addiction, and to recruit speakers to provide training to Highland's members. The ministry is instrumental in supporting a 'closed AA Group for Women' at Highland and is helping to network individuals and families dealing with the diseases of addiction with support resources, and assistance. More Volunteers are needed to continue this ministry. Health and Hope Ministry Goals for 2024-25 include providing more congregational opportunities for education and referral, online educational events and expanding awareness of this valuable ministry to new Highland volunteers and members.

Saturday, November 9th Conversation on Caring Ministries at Highland – All Highland Members are invited to participate in a 'Conversation on Caring Ministries Needed at Highland' in Fellowship Hall from 9:30am to 11:00am to envision and plan for the future. Signups will be offered in the Narthex in mid-October.

Plan now to participate in this event!

