



The Highland Heartbeat

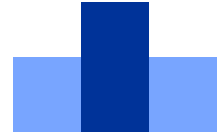
Highland, a Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved

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Meet and Greet with Pastor Matt and Sarah Hostetter ~ *Sunday, August 25th*

We are so excited to introduce to you our two new staff members, Pastor Matt Drumheller and Sarah Hostetter! On Aug. 25th during worship, you will get an opportunity to hear more about their call and their hopes and dreams for ministry at Highland Presbyterian Church. Following the service, join us for some fellowship time and refreshments in the narthex as we celebrate these two new hires. Both of them will be in the narthex to meet you. This will be a great Sunday to get to know Pastor Matt and Sarah and welcome them to the Highland Church family.



**MEET
and
GREET**

Rally Day ~ *Sunday, September 8th*

Rally Day is a day to come together and celebrate the beginning of a new program year. No doubt our year will be filled with wonderful opportunities for fellowship, study, and worship. But everyone knows it takes a village! We need all hands-on deck to ensure we have a great program year so there will be volunteer sign ups in the narthex. Like last year, we will challenge everyone to make sure they are signed up for at least one volunteer opportunity, whether that is making dinner for the youth group, serving communion, or helping at funeral receptions. For worship on the 8th, Pastor Allison will begin a sermon series on the strategic plan, which will be rolled out during the month of September. The Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra will join us for the 10th year! They will play both in worship and in fellowship hall following the service. Lunch will be served. (Please sign up in the Narthex if you are planning to eat lunch so we know how many to prepare for!). There will also be face painting for the kids and an open gym for the youth to play some games. So come out on the 8th to celebrate what God is doing and about to do at Highland Presbyterian church this year!



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Romans 8: 31-39

SERMON: "Medals and Podiums"

PREACHING SCHEDULE

August 25 ~ Meet & Greet

September 8 ~ Pastor Allison

September 22 ~ Pastor Allison

October 6 ~ Pastor Allison

October 20 ~ Sarah Hostetter

September 1 ~ Pastor Matt

September 15 ~ Pastor Allison

September 29 ~ Pastor Allison

October 13 ~ Pastor Allison

October 27 ~ Pastor Matt Drumheller



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

In Prayer

Owen Blevins

(family member of Jen Winter)

Robert Coup

Pete Faber

Linda Guimond

Lois Hagedorn

Luther Heiser

Deb Herr & Family

Marge Herrmann

The Hostetter Family

Gretchen Laubach

Family of Jim Loose

Joyce McClintock

Bill & Marge Mann

Shirley Offermann

Charles O'Neill

Dorie Steinman

John Wolfe

Our Nation

PASTOR ON CALL

Rev. Matt Drumheller

August 19 ~ August 25



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

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*

New Members Class – Are you considering membership at Highland Presbyterian Church? Attend our next new members class on either Wednesday evening, **September 18, from 6:30-8pm.** or **Saturday morning, September 21 from 8:30-10 am.** Child care will be provided. New members then will be welcomed into the congregation on Sunday morning, September 29. Mark your calendar to save these dates. In the meantime, please become actively involved in our church life. To register, contact Larry and Anita Ewing or call the church office 717-569-2651.

Highland's Ministers' to Visit Members and Guests living in Retirement Communities The Pastors plan to be at locations to be announced at various retirement communities to visit and fellowship with Highland's members



who reside at that particular location for a time of fellowship and connection. They look forward to seeing long-time Highland members who no longer drive, new members who have joined in the past six months, and former members who have recently returned to Lancaster, as well as all who worship each week in Highland's Sanctuary. Mark your calendars to plan to meet with them according to the anticipated schedule. Next scheduled visit is **Thursday, September 19 from 2-3:30 pm** at the Manor Campus of Willow Valley (North). Plans to visit Willow Valley Lakes Campus (South) in October. Residents will receive a postcard invitation early in the month of the ministers' visits to advise them of where the gathering will be held.

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!



Committee Spotlight

Highland Food Cupboard Committee - The Food Cupboard Committee requests food donations from the congregation throughout the year. Food items which are most needed include beans, rice, breakfast cereal (low sugar), peanut butter and canned meats. Food items are placed on the Food Cupboard located beside the doors to Fellowship Hall and delivered by church volunteers to the Lancaster County Food Hub. During Advent a special Advent Food Calendar is produced which lists suggested food donations for each day of Advent. In 2023 over 1200 pounds of food were donated by the Highland congregation. The committee chair is John Herr.

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.

MISSION & OUTREACH CORNER

A note of thanks received from a resident of West Virginia

"Words can never convey my gratitude for the hard work and friendship that I (and my 103 years old house) received from the mission team you sent to Morgantown, WV. But I'm going to try.

They tackled some of the burdens that have overwhelmed me as I try to "age in place". Things like cracks on plaster walls, half painted rooms, rusting carport supports, leaking rain drains on the house, and siding that hadn't been cleaned in many years. I didn't know where to begin, and I knew I could not safely do, or afford to hire someone to do all the work. But in just a few days, they brought lightness and laughter, hope and friendship into my house and my life. I know the entire congregation supported this mission with their generous donations. Please thank them for me. I especially want to recognize:

The Advance Team- Bob & Vicki Kutz, who looked at issues needing attention.

The plaster & paint team-**Tim Singleton, Amy Kane, Jennifer Funck and Christine McKim**, who plastered and painted.

Christine McKim, nurse who seemed to be everywhere and "nursed me too.

Bob Ganse, who power washed the house siding until it looked brand new.

Natalie and Kennedy, young women exhibiting the faith you show them, who applied layers of paint to the newly sanded carport supports.

I know there were others in and out and around, whose names I do not recall (except for Josh). Thank you too.

I especially want to thank those who were here in spirit only...Jennifer and the weekly quilting team! The quilt is beautiful and felt blessed by many hands! I quickly shared it by taking it to my sister who has been in and out of the hospital the past 15 days. Thank you. Receiving a gift is always a joy, lucky me! Thanking the givers feels good too. The giving team that arrived at my door may think they are mere mortals, but to me they were angels! My deepest appreciation".



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!

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.

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.



Ignite an extended time of praise and music ~ will resume on **Sunday, September 8th.**
from **9:30-9:50 am** in Fellowship Hall.

