



# The Highland Heartbeat

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

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## This was our summer Highland



Choosing **Compassion** Over Apathy • **Kindness** Over Resentment • **Love** Over Hatred • **Welcome** Over Judgment • **Unity** Over Uniformity

## WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:** Song of Solomon 2: 8-13  
and James 1:17-27

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

September 8 ~ Pastor Allison  
September 22 ~ Pastor Allison  
October 6 ~ Pastor Allison  
October 20 ~ Sarah Hostetter  
November 3 ~ Pastor Ann

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mikenolt@highlandpc.org) or call the church office at 717-569-2651.



## PRAYER LIST

### In Memory

Family of Judy Eyster  
Family of Donald Pentz

### In Prayer

Owen Blevins  
(brother-in-law of Jen Winter)  
Robert Coup  
Pete Faber  
Linda Guimond  
Lois Hagedorn  
Luther Heiser  
Deb Herr & Family  
Marge Herrmann  
The Hostetter (Diane Mitchell) Family  
Gretchen Laubach

Bill & Marge Mann  
Martha Matt  
Shirley Offermann  
Charles O'Neill  
Doris Ramsdell  
Dorie Steinman  
John Wolfe  
Our Nation

## PASTOR ON CALL

**Rev. Allison Beaulieu**

**September 2 ~ September 8**



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

**Rally Day ~ Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** 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. Like last year, **we 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. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate what God is doing and about to do at Highland Presbyterian church this year.**

See You  
There

**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. *Pastor Allison*



**Passing the Offering Plates** Many of you have spoken about your desire to resume passing the offering plates each Sunday during worship. A number of you have signed up to help support our regular ushering crew in making this possible. Thank you! **Beginning on Rally Sunday, September 8**, we will begin passing the offering plates each Sunday at the 10 am worship service. We believe this will enhance our worship experience and grow our resources to further the mission and ministry at Highland. If you have questions, or wish to help with this effort, speak with Leigh Shuman, Chair of Worship and Music at the church.

**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, stop by the Welcome Center, contact Larry and Anita Ewing, or call the church office, 717-569-2651.



**Senior Fellowship Breakfast** – Join us **Thursday, September 5** 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.



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



**Labor Day** ~ The building and church office will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

## MISSION & OUTREACH CORNER

**Matthew 25 Book Discussion on Sept. 29th-** 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 of all." A book discussion will be held on **September 29 in the Upper Room at 11:15**. Contact Pastor Matt if you want to attend by Zoom. Hope you can join us!



**The Earth Care Committee** Join us after lunch on Rally Day for a walk around Highland's grounds to talk about the Green Master Plan that was developed by Land Studies for the Earth Care committee. We will describe some of the options that they put forward and show some of the places where we will have earth-friendly plantings. We will meet at the front door about 11:45, the tour should take less than an hour.

**Kids Sunday School - Leaders Wanted** We're excited about a new curriculum for Children's Sunday School that will help us learn more about Jesus through art, science, videos, games, and other workshops. Be a part of these meaningful moments of learning, loving, and growing by helping out as a leader with our babies & toddlers, PreK through 1<sup>st</sup> graders, or 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Pick up an availability form in the Narthex to sign-up ASAP and before Tuesday, 9/3. Contact Jennifer Weitzel, [jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org](mailto:jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org), with any questions. Thanks!

**Children's Sunday School** All children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> through the rest of the school year. Please note that the children will be dismissed from the Sanctuary before the Prayer of Confession this year. See Jennifer Weitzel or email her at [jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org](mailto:jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org) with any questions.

**Gym Jam** is back in full swing starting September 11th from 9:30-10:45 in Highland's Gym! Parents/Guardians and kids 0-5 are welcome to come and socialize, ride all sorts of riding toys, bounce in the bounce house, slide, run, crawl, and play when the weather gets too cold to play outdoors.



**Youth Group ~** We love when Highland members donate a meal and then take the time to sit and eat with the group. Most Sundays, we have about 15 people in attendance. If interested in donating a meal contact Sarah Hostetter at [sarahhostetter@highlandpc.org](mailto:sarahhostetter@highlandpc.org)



**Highland's Ministers' to Visit Members and Guests living in Retirement Communities** The Pastors plan to be 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). And, Willow Valley**

**Lakes Campus (South) on October 10 from 10:30-Noon.** Residents will receive a postcard invitation early in the month of the ministers' visits to advise them of where the gathering will be held.

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 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!