

The Highland Heartbeat

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

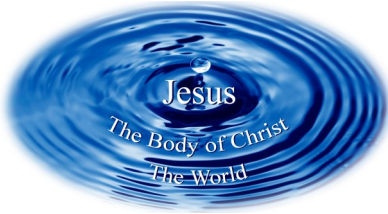
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What's next ~ We hope you enjoyed Pastor Allison's sermon series on our strategic plan and found the handouts useful for the high-level goals. Next Sunday, you will receive our "plan on a page" where you can see all our ministry goals on one sheet of paper! The next step is to form implementation teams aligned with each of the goals in this plan. If you are passionate about any of the goals included in the plan, we'd like to hear from you! Please contact the church office if interested in being a part of the implementation teams. With God's help, we will live into this plan and our vision to be seen, known, and loved!



Support the building campaign for Juan Calvino school ~ In partnership with the Reformed Calvinist Church of El Salvador (IRCES), Highland has supported the private church-run Juan Calvino school in El Limon, El Salvador for more than 20 years. We've offered scholarships for up to 50 elementary aged children (kindergarten through sixth grade). This is crucial for the children of El Limon, a poor neighborhood where many families could not afford the modest tuition for this private school. Recently high school students (grades 10 - 12) have also joined the school.

Our partners in IRCES want to fill the gap, offering junior high (grades 7-9) too. But to do that they need more classrooms.

To build and equip those classrooms, they need our help. This October, Highland will be receiving donations to support the Juan Calvino school's building plans. If you want to contribute, mark checks for the Juan Calvino school and get them to the office, or place them in the offering plate. Help us support our church partners as they work to educate the families of El Limon.



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-37

SERMON TITLE: Seeds and Spouts: A New Season for Mission

PREACHING SCHEDULE

September 29 ~ Pastor Allison
October 13 ~ Pastor Allison
October 27 ~ Pastor Matt
November 10 ~ Pastor Allison
November 24 ~ Pastor Allison

October 6 ~ Pastor Allison
October 20 ~ Sarah Hostetter
November 3 ~ Pastor Ann
November 17 ~ Pastor Allison
December 1 ~ Pastor Allison



VIEWING OF ONLINE SERVICES

- Go to www.youtube.com
- In the YouTube search bar, type "Highland Presbyterian Church"
- You should see a picture of Highland 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.



PROGRAM STAFF

Rev. Allison Beaulieu, Senior Pastor
Rev. Matt Drumheller, Associate Pastor for Missions & Discipleship
Rev. Ken Osborne, Parish Associate
Jonathan Lefever, Organist
Jennifer Weitzel, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne, Pastor for Congregational Care
Rev. Dr. Robert Burns, Parish Associate
Dr. Paul Thorlakson, Music Director
Sarah Hostetter, Director Of Youth Ministries

PRAYER LIST

In Memory

Family of Judy Eyster
Family of Bill Mann
Family of Donald Pentz
Family of Eleanor Taylor

In Prayer

Robert Coup
Bill Ebel
Pete Faber
Linda Guimond
Lois Hagedorn
Luther Heiser
Deb Herr & Family
Marge Herrmann
Gretchen Laubach
Martha Matt
Shirley Offermann

Charles O'Neill
Doris Ramsdell
(sister of Lee Heisey)
Dorie Steinman
Our Nation

PASTOR ON CALL

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns
September 30~ October 6



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER ~ TODAY ~ Matthew 25 Book Discussion - 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 in the Upper Room today following worship**. Contact Pastor Matt if you want to attend by Zoom. Hope you can join us!

An Unhurried Life: Learning to Follow Jesus in a Calendar-Driven Culture

As we begin the fall season, we are all aware that we live in a culture of speed...a culture driven by technology, social media, the endless news reel, and our to-do lists. This sermon series will identify our "idolatry of speed." But it will also be practical in nature. Drawing from John Mark Comer's book "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry," we will identify four spiritual practices designed to slow us down and ground us in our relationship with God. These practices will also help us as we launch into the election season. As things heat up in the political arena, we will be focusing on staying spiritually and mentally healthy, as well as grounded in God's promises for us. We will carefully reflect on the ways in which Jesus led an unhurried life. Comer suggests that "to walk with Jesus is to walk with a slow, unhurried pace." This sermon series will explore how we do that.

Follow along starting October 6 thru October 27.



In coordination with our October sermon series, we will be offering small groups for church members to further engage in this topic. Each small group will be facilitated by a volunteer. They will meet for about an hour once

a week for four weeks at a consistent time and location. Participants are encouraged to read the book, *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*, which can be ordered online or acquired through the church. In

small groups, we will explore Scripture, engage with spiritual practices, and discuss the impacts of an unhurried life. Small groups will begin in the week following Sunday, October 6 and continue for four consecutive weeks. No matter how many sessions you can attend, we encourage you to get involved!



Join us as we explore this important topic together! Small Groups Offered:

Sunday morning following Worship ~ in the Upper Room ~ led by Dick Entz

Sunday evening 5-6 pm ~ meeting in Room 105 ~ led by Pete & Laura Rothacker

Wednesday evening 6-7 ~ via Zoom ~ led by Jocelyn Pyett

Thursday evening 7-8 pm ~ meeting at Lyndon Diner (Manheim Pike) ~ Led By Andrew Hostetter

Friday morning 10 am ~ meeting at the Activities Room at Spring Run/Willow Valley ~ led by Betty Price

Friday afternoon ~ 2 pm ~ meeting in the Hudson Room ~ led by May Ellen Cantrell



Senior Fellowship Breakfast – Join us **Thursday, October 3** 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

Children's Sunday School All children in 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School on Sunday, September 8th 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



Highland Children & Family Ministries continue to grow! We can use your help to make our classroom Spaces and gym activities more meaningful and age-appropriate. Check out our Amazon Wish list at <https://t.ly/HPCKidsWishList2425> to donate items and help our spaces become even more welcoming for children of all ages! Email jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org with questions. Thank you for your support of Children & Families at Highland!

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 sarahhosteter@highlandpc.org or scan the QR code to sign-up.



Upward Basketball and Cheer Registration begins October 1st.

Early Bird Discounts available from October 1st to 15th - \$115/player.

Regular Rates from October 16th to November 20th - \$125/player.

Donations always welcome online at HighlandPC.org or at our Registration Link

<https://registration.upward.org/UPW87439>.

BASKETBALL:

- Kindergarten: Our kindergarten season lasts 8 weeks and starts on January 25th. Players practice and play games at the same time on Saturday mornings at one of two different time slots.
- 1st through 4th graders: This age group's season lasts 10 weeks and start the week of January 6th. Players practice one hour at the same time each week and play one hour games on the weekends.

CHEER:

- This is a PILOT program, so please be kind and considerate as we work out the kinks of this program.
- CHEER UNIFORMS RUN SMALLER. Always best to order a size up to be on the safe side for these uniforms. Be sure to use the sizing chart in the online registration.
- Unless there is an overwhelming response, we will keep all ages together for this first season. This will be a great opportunity for older cheerleaders to take leadership roles.

This program will last 8 weeks and will start the week of January 20th.

Be a part of Highland's Vision: Be a Leader! The nominating committee has begun the process of selecting candidates for Session, Deacons and Trustees, for the Class of 2027. This is a three-year commitment. Names for a one-year term on the Nominating Committee will also be selected. The completed slate will be presented at the next Congregational meeting. Do you know someone who is ready to take on a leadership role? Are *you* ready to take on that responsibility? Start thinking about potential leaders today. Nominating forms will be available next Sunday.

Session is the leadership body of HPC, called to lead, govern, discern and discipline.

Deacons are the heart & hands of HPC, focusing on sympathy, witness & service to others.

Trustees are the leadership body of the corporate entity of HPC: stewards of church finances & managers of facility operations, maintenance, and security. Each board has a monthly meeting. For further information or questions, contact Dana Mead or the church office at 717-569-2651

