



The Highland Heartbeat

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

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Preparing for Lent

Lenten Sermon Series: Short Stories by Jesus

Jesus was a skilled storyteller. He used images and metaphors from everyday life to capture the hearts and minds of his followers. This technique made his messages both accessible and relevant. In this sermon series, we're going to explore how Jesus' original audience heard his parables and we're also going to explore how contemporary Christians hear and interpret those parables today. To do this, we will get help from Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Amy Jill Levine. Her book, **Short Stories by Jesus** will be referenced throughout the sermon series and small groups will be formed to go through her engaging and fascinating study that places these parables in their historical context. The goal of this sermon series is to hear the challenge in these parables anew.

"Too often we settle for easy interpretations," Levine writes "and if we stop with the easy lessons, good though they may be, we lose the way Jesus' first followers would have heard the parables, and we lose the genius of Jesus' teaching. We might be better off thinking less about what they "**mean**" and more about what they can "**do**": remind, provoke, refine, confront, disturb..." I'm excited to dig into this series. I hope you are as well.

See you on the Lord's Day! *Pastor Allison*



**We are excited to welcome New Members today!
Please greet them in the Narthex after the service.**



Inclement Weather ~ A reminder that Highland follows the Manheim Township School District regarding delays and closings. **Should the school be closed we will be closed. Should the district move to a remote learning day or a "fid" day (flexible instruction day) we will be closed.** If there is a delayed opening by the district please call the church office before venturing out.

WORSHIP | February 9, 2025

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE Luke 5:1-11

Sermon ~ "On Assignment"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Next week ~ Pastor Ann preaching



Worship Times

Ignite Worship | 9:30AM

Traditional Worship | 10AM

Program Staff

Senior Pastor - Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Pastor for Congregational Care - Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Associate Pastor for Missions & Discipleship - Rev. Matt Drumheller

Parish Associate - Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Parish Associate—Rev. Ken Osborne

Music Director ~ Dr. Paul Thorlakson

Organist—Jonathan Lefever

Director of Youth Ministries—Sarah Hostetter

Director of Children & Family Ministries—Jennifer Weitzel.

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs | 9AM - 3:30 PM

Friday | 9:00AM - 12PM

Contact Information

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PRAYER LIST

PASTOR ON CALL - Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne Feb. 10 ~ Feb. 16

In Memory

Family of Kenneth Aument

Family of Bill Forrey

Family of Nancy Schlegel

Family of Mary Dutka

Family of Marge Herrmann

Family of Barbara Holran

If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like a visit from a pastor or hospital visitor please contact the church office.

In Prayer

Judy Berg

David Dagen

Faye Gemmill

Jane Hartin

Luther Heiser

Shirley Offermann

John Wylie

Family of Abigail & Jeff Martin (death of Abigail's grandmother)

Eric (son-in-law of Jean Fontes)

Elizabeth Devitry (grand-daughter of Jack Sapper)

Marge Carpenter

Sandy Cross

Linda Guimond

Richard Hankel

Gretchen Laubach

Martha Matt

Megan Stock



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 by date.
- Worship services are livestreamed at 10 am on
- Sunday mornings.

GIVING

- Mail your contributions to the church office.
- 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 and it will take you to the online giving on our website.
- If you have general questions, please contact the church office at 717-569-2651.



Blanket Offering ~ Every February, Highland supports Church World Services with the Blanket Offering. Blanketing the world in love is easy when people of faith unite through the Church World Service (CWS) Blankets and Kits ministry. Together, we can offer comfort, hope and warmth to our neighbors during their most challenging times. Imagine the impact of your compassion. Each blanket and kit serve as a tangible expression of God's love—sharing warmth on a chilly night, relief in a crisis and a reminder that someone truly cares. Join other generous donors and share tangible expressions of love with our neighbors in need: \$10 provides a CWS Blanket to someone in need. \$25 provides a CWS Blanket and a CWS Hygiene Kit, offering warmth and essential supplies. Please give generously to this mission. Envelops are in the pew pockets or write a check with CWS Blanket in the memo line.



Earth Care Committee ~ Invites you to join them for important hands-on work in our community. Our congregation has been invited to join with Community Mennonite Church as they maintain the buffer zone at Overlook. **On the third Saturday of every month**, you can live out God's call to be stewards of this planet by helping to maintain this important piece of our local ecosphere. (more details, timing, location, etc.).

Upward Basketball ~ Sign-Up Today – Scan these QR codes to sign up today! Games begin January 24th and run until March 16th on Friday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Saturdays from 8:15 am – 4:00 pm, and Sundays from 12-2 pm.

- **Highland Liaison:** Ensure our facility is being used appropriately.
- **Keeping Score & Announcements:** Keep score & timing for games, read pre-scripted devotional, announce players from a roster list.
- **Concessions:** Sell food and drinks to spectators and athletes.
- **Refereeing:** Ensure rules are followed by players, coaches, and spectators during games.

Let's make this season the best one yet – through hard work, fun, and the power of faith! Together, we can create an environment where athletes and fans alike grow stronger in body and spirit. See you on the court, in the stands, and at our upcoming games! Contact Jennifer Weitzel at upwardhpc@gmail.com to learn more or sign up at <https://t.ly/Upward2>



Collection reminder ~ Highland is collecting hats, gloves, and coats for children and adults in coordination with Kindness Grows. Kindness Grows is a nonprofit started by church member and Elder Kristen Bransby. It focuses on community service and outreach. Donated items will be dispersed among individuals in our community, with children's items going to Lancaster School District and adult items going to Anchor Lancaster. **Collections will be received in the narthex outside Fellowship Hall until February 23.** For more information, see Kristen Bransby.



Ice Skating Event ~ Families of all ages meet at Lancaster Ice Rink on **Sunday February 16th at 2pm** for a fun night of skating and community. Please RSVP to Sarah Hostetter or Jennifer Weitzel **TODAY**. Tickets will be \$10 for all participants, and this covers skating and rentals. Youth 6th grade and above do not need an adult to stay.

Youth Lock-in ~ Saturday, February 22- Sunday February 23 5:30pm-9am. all youth 6th grade and above join us for a night of fun, food and good healthy laughter. We will eat together, complete a churchwide Amazing Race, have a time of creative prayer, and wake to a lovely catered breakfast. Please RSVP with Sarah Hostetter by February 16th. Suggested donation for the evening is \$15.



Youth Group meets most Sundays **4:00PM-5:30PM**. If you are not on our email list, please email Sarah Hostetter at sarahhostetter@highlandpc.org to be added to our mailing list and stay up to date on our activities.

Scouting America Troop 99 is chartered by Highland and serves all boys and girls ages 11 to 17. This wonderful extension of our youth ministry helps bring families together. Our Scouts learn leadership, build character and a love for the outdoors while subscribing to the Scout Oath and Law. We meet most Monday nights at 7pm, usually in the Highland Gym. Please contact us at bsatrop99.web@gmail.com or stop by on a meeting night & speak with any of our leaders if you would like to learn more.



strengthening Youth
THROUGH SCOUTING

YWCA Race Against Racism April 26, 2025 ~ Please join Highland's **Matthew 25 Committee** by participating in the nation's biggest and longest consecutively run **Race Against Racism!** The Lancaster YWCA's 27th RAR is on **Saturday, April 26th** at Musser Park in Lancaster City. You can run, walk, or stand along the 5K course to cheer on our Highland team racers! Plenty of food, music, and activities throughout the event which starts at 8:30 am with a Kids Fun Run.

To participate, please register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Lancaster/YWCALancasterRaceAgainstRacism>. Click on the **Groups** tab at the top, then enter **Highland Presbyterian Church - Mt 25**. The cost is: \$6.94 for the Kids Fun Run; \$14.41 for racers ages 14 & under; and \$38.96 for racers 15 & up. (Scholarships are available for low-income and marginalized children.) All 5K participants who register by April 6th will receive a free RAR t-shirt. There is a price increase for registration after that date.

Lynn Dawson, the Team Administrator, will pick up the teams' t-shirts and racing bibs which will then be available at the church office on Thursday and Friday before the race. For more information, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Lynn Dawson.

Library Update ~ While we are no longer accepting book donations; there is the used bookstore, Marshall Street Bookstore at 225 N. Marshall St. in Lancaster, PA who will welcome them. Please take the books directly to their location. All funds raised from the sale of books go to benefit the Lancaster Public Library. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Birthday celebration ~ A drop-in to celebrate our member, Jim Wenger's 90th birthday on **Sunday, February 16th** from **2-4pm**. His family invites you to come and celebrate with them in Fellowship Hall here at Highland.

