

Mission & Outreach

Highland's Earth Care Committee invites you to join with our local partner, Lancaster Conservancy, for one of their many outdoor opportunities. Throughout the month of March, the Conservancy will be hosting outdoor hikes, workdays, and educational opportunities. For more information, visit the Conservancy's website at <https://www.lancasterconservancy.org/events/>. Here is a sampling of some of their opportunities:

Educational Opportunities

- March 23, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Amphibians and Vernal Pools: Love is in the Water
- March 22, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Leave No Trace Workshop
- March 22, 9:00 am – 11:00 am – All About Birds: Birding for Beginners

Volunteer Workdays:

March 23, 9:00 am – 11:00 am – Clark Nature Preserve

Exploration Hikes:

- March 26, 9:00 am – 11:00 am – Falmouth Forest Garden at Conoy Wetlands Nature Preserve
- March 26, 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Texter Mountain Nature Preserve
- March 29, 10:00 am and 1:00 pm – Shenks Ferry Wildflower Preserve

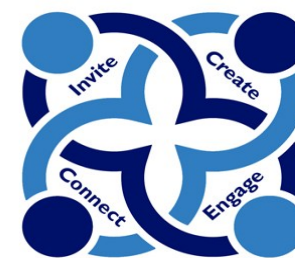


JOY (Just Older Youth) Spring Luncheon and Movie this Thursday ~ If you are a post-career member of Highland, (everyone ages 55+ and ones who choose how to spend their days) are invited to join the "Just Older Youth" (JOY) quarterly gathering for fellowship and fun. On Thursday, March 20th at 11am, come for lunch and an engaging movie in Fellowship Hall. Pick up your nametag and connect with others over lunch, prepared by Linda Brackbill and her hospitality team. Donation baskets will be at each table to help cover the cost of the luncheon.

After lunch we will watch the delightful 94-minute movie, "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium." Starring Dustin Hoffman and Natalie Portman. This story explores not only wonder and delight but also encourages us all to continue to discover new purposes and meaning in our lives as we encounter new experiences.



Sign up this Sunday in the Narthex at the JOY Spring Luncheon Table, draped in yellow, so we can prepare your nametag and reserve your place for the luncheon. Hope you can come!



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Join us as we do God's work!

Summer mission trips have a rich history at Highland Presbyterian Church! They are a great opportunity to help our neighbors beyond the Lancaster area and to build community with our church family. Whether you've been going on mission trips your whole life or this would be a brand new experience, these trips are open to you! No matter your age or skill level, we hope you will join us this Summer in one or both of our two mission trip options!

The Intergenerational Mission Trip will take place in Altoona, PA the week of July 13-18. All people from elementary-school (with a parent or guardian) through adulthood are welcome to join us for this trip. If you can't commit to a full week, there is a partial week option for July 13-16. The cost for the full week is \$399 per person while the partial week option is \$329. Please keep in mind that this cost will be reduced by our fundraising efforts throughout the Spring. To register, use the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/Yv6SvosiaIoHAqTf6>. The registration deadline is March 31, and deposits of 1/2 the total cost are due by April 30th. Be sure to sign up soon!



The Youth Mission trip will take place in Asheville, NC the week of July 27-August 1. All youth rising 8th grade to completed 12th are invited to join this disaster relief mission trip. The cost as of right now is \$500 before it is offset with our fundraising. Registration is due by March 31st and deposits of \$250 are due by April 30th. At this stage some projects you can expect are cleaning up the rivers and roads from the devastation done by Hurricane Helene, home and community projects, and working in a local food bank. Our projects will develop as the summer progresses. To register, use the QR code or go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemscYxgzdOutC15q7nNK8ikLYLV-U49aXzoV0FBW9mZ6Nvcw/viewform?usp=sharing>
We look forward to serving with you this summer!



On March 2, our congregation did a wonderful job to "Make Matt Flat." In our first fundraiser to support our Summer mission trips, you graciously donated almost \$800!
Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this fun event!

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

Sermon ~ "Who is NOT My Neighbor?"

Pastor Allison

Next week ~ Pastor Matt



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 - 3:30 PM

Contact Information

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PRAYER LIST PASTOR ON CALL - Rev. Ken Osborne March 17 ~ March 23

In Memory

Family of Dot Bisalski
Family of Barbara Holran

Family of Marge Herrmann
Family of John Wylie

In Prayer

Judy Berg
David Dagen
Faye Gemmill
Richard Hankel
Luther Heiser
Shirley Offermann
Stacy Self & her family
Eric (son-in-law of Jean Fontes)
Elizabeth Devitry (grand-daughter of Jack Sapper)
Lewis Fitzgerald (father of Carolyn Danaker)

Marge Carpenter
Sandy Cross
Linda Guimond
Gretchen Laubach
Martha Matt
John Ray (father of Trixi Ray)
Megan Stock

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.



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.



The Matthew 25 Committee invites you to join us after worship in Fellowship Hall on March 23 for an intergenerational time of post-card-writing to support Sahar's family. In 2021, Highland Presbyterian Church worked with Church World Services to resettle Sahar Mehryar from Afghanistan to the United States. Since August, our church – in cooperation with Welcome Corps, a program of the U.S. State Department – has raised money and volunteered our time and effort to help Sahar reunite with her family, who have fled to Pakistan. Recent restructuring decisions made by the federal government have delayed the immigration process for Sahar's family and many like them. The Matthew 25 Committee is inviting you to participate in advocacy support for the Mehryar family by writing to our Pennsylvania elected officials to encourage them to help in whatever way they can. Children will color one side of the postcards and adults will write a short message on the reverse.

On **Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm**, the Nurturing Spiritual Growth Committee will gather to have extended conversation regarding the Discipleship portion of our church's strategic plan! Congregation members who are interested in the spiritual growth and discipleship of our congregation are invited to join us. We will be discerning how our church helps people experience and know the transforming power of Jesus Christ! To RSVP for this mini-retreat, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/QH1E5xKDPT6pE9W86> or the QR code.



Local Author to visit Book Group ~ Sherry V Ostroff of Lititz will be talking about her latest book, "The Wall at the Sugar Factory" on **Wednesday, March 26 at 1 p.m. in the choir room**. The Sugar Factory is an historical novel about the civil war in Ukraine in 1919. Sherry's presentations always include additional research she has done that provides interesting background for the book. The book group begins at 1 pm and lasts about an hour with additional time for questions. Everyone is welcome. **Please join the book group on March 26**. Questions? Call the church office.

The Highland Annual Easter Egg Hunt is almost here! The Easter Bunny has graciously agreed to hide eggs for us to find after worship on Sunday April 6th from 11am-12:30pm. He's even planning on staying around for pictures!



Working adult lunch ~ If you work from home or have a flexible schedule, join us at any of our upcoming lunch meet-ups where we eat, chat, and enjoy our lunch break together. Pay on your own. Here is the upcoming schedule. Ramarn Thai ~ Wednesday, March 19 @ Noon
Shake Shack ~ Wednesday, April 16 @ Noon
Tequila Mexican Grille ~ Wednesday, May 21 @ Noon



Say Farewell to the Weitzel Family ~ Jennifer Weitzel's last Sunday with us will be March 30th. As we announced, Jenn will be moving to England and working at Cliff College. We will be having a reception for the family after worship in the narthex that day. We are also accepting donations for a purse for Jenn, which will be a sum of money offered to her as a thank-you for her ministry among us. You can submit checks to Highland Presbyterian Church with "Jennifer Weitzel's purse" in the memo line. Please have those donations to the church office by March 24th.

Easter Tulips ~ Did you know tulips symbolize passion, belief, and love in our Christian faith? White tulips represent forgiveness and purple tulips represent royalty. Sound familiar to anyone? One of the Deacons' many ministries is to provide you with the opportunity to order beautiful tulips. These tulips can be purchased and then donated for delivery to someone who is homebound, grieving, or ill. You can also order a tulip in memory of, in honor of a loved one or you can order one for your personal enjoyment. When you purchase a tulip in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one, their names will be printed in the bulletin. Tulips will decorate the Sanctuary for Easter (Sunday, April 20). Stop by the Deacon table in the Narthex the following Sundays either before or after the service:

MARCH 16 - MARCH 23 - MARCH 30. Tulips are \$8 each. If you have any questions, please contact Trixi Ray or call the church office.

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.

