



# Highlights



The Newsletter of Highland Presbyterian Church

MAY 2012

~ ~ ~ MINISTER'S MESSAGE ~ ~ ~

Dear Members of the Highland Family,

**It's time to be thankful!**

No, it's not Thanksgiving, or Christmas, or even time for your stewardship pledges for next year. But where does it say we have to have a special season to be grateful? And who can't find a good reason to be thankful any time of year, any time of day?

It's spring. Warm days are coming. The flowering trees have been beautiful. Okay, the pollen has been bad, but would you give up flowers?

And there's lots to be thankful for around Highland. The church is bursting with new efforts in mission and ministry. Good folks are working with our kids. We've got a full complement of volunteers for our mission trip to Porcupine, SD, in August. Our Deacons have been providing some meals to support families inside the church and out. Session has approved opening our doors to AA and AI-Anon. Faithful choir members come every Wednesday night to practice. Seven youth are preparing to be confirmed in their faith on Pentecost.

Nor is this just a Pollyanna-ish view of a troubled world; it's the recognition that even in a troubled world, God is alive and well caring for us. The Risen Christ has moved beyond the empty grave at Easter and is among us changing lives.

Take some time to be grateful. Be thankful to God for the good gifts of life and health, of home and hearth, of earth and sky: As the Psalmist declared, "The heavens are telling the glory of God!" And again, "Who are we, that God is mindful of us? Yet God has made us a little lower than the angels, and has crowned us with glory and honor!"

Take time to pray your thanks. Or keep a gratitude journal. Or say thank you to someone who has done something nice for you, or to someone whose faithfulness in the church you've noticed.

This is the foundation of spiritual life, of a warm and willing relationship with God. If we all begin to cultivate this perspective, it cannot help but grow the church, inwardly and outwardly. It's time to be thankful!

Yours in gratitude....

*Pastor Jack*

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

is a family of believers in Jesus Christ,  
worshiping God,  
learning God's ways,  
doing God's work.



# HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE SESSION

Rev. John V. Carlson, *Moderator*

Ian Fallon  
Marilyn Sams  
Malcolm Whyte

Guy Matta  
Claudia Scarborough

Pete McCallum  
Marty Whitesel

## THE DEACONS

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Nancy R. Jones  
Maria Whyte

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Eugene Jones

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Claudia Scarborough

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Ian Fallon - 8:45 AM and 11 AM

Pianist

Kathy Zamostny - 8:45 AM

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Sherry Everett

Flower Committee Chair

Nancy L. Jones

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Rev. John V. Carlson, *Moderator*

*Clerk of Session*

*Marilyn Sams*

*Capital Campaign / Endowment*

*Claudia Scarborough*

*Christian Formation and Nurture*

*Ian Fallon*

*Finance and Administration*

*Guy Matta*

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*Malcolm Whyte*

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Per Capita for 2012  
\$32.45

## **NOTES OF SESSION MEETING 4-17-12:**

- ◆ Home Communion was delivered on Maundy Thursday to five of our members with Marilyn Sams assisting.
- ◆ Special program "Preparing for Holy Week" was held on Palm Sunday. Went extremely well.
- ◆ Confirmation Class will meet with Session on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30 PM. Light supper will be served.
- ◆ Confirmation Class will be received publicly on Sunday, May 27.
- ◆ Claudia Scarborough and Pastor Carlson will attend Shared Ministry meeting on April 19.
- ◆ Session approved a proposal from Higher Ground to offer space in the church for AI-Anon and AA mtgs.
- ◆ Marty Whitesel reported that plans for the Learning Camp at Porcupine in South Dakota to be held in August are going very well. The volunteer roster is complete. Key events coming up include a pot luck at Govans this month and training/planning sessions at Highland on May 5 and June 9 from 12-3.
- ◆ The bid process for the construction was extended to April 26 which occasioned several changes to the church calendar.

### **Please note:**

- ◆ The Congregational Meeting date is changed to May 20. There will be one service at 10 AM followed by the meeting at 11 AM.
- ◆ The Summer Worship Schedule will begin on May 20 - one service at 10 AM thru Labor Day.
- ◆ There will be two worship services on May 6 - 8:45 and 11 AM.

**A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday,  
May 20, at 11 AM, to hear the report of the  
Construction Committee and to approve any  
necessary expenditure of funds.**

**~ By Order of the Session ~**

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HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FINANCE UPDATE

	February 2012	Year-to-Date 2012	BUDGET 2012	Year-to-Date 2011
<b>General Fund</b>				
Giving	\$ 14,372	\$ 41,387	\$ 47,859	\$ 47,648
Expenses	\$ 16,043	\$ 49,918	\$ 46,953	\$ 47,151
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,671)	\$ (8,531)	\$ 906	\$ 497
<b>Missions Fund</b>				
Giving	\$ 7,038	\$ 9,763	\$ 6,043	\$ 8,857
Expenses	\$ 258	\$ 727	\$ 6,043	\$ 2,857
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 6,780	\$ 9,036	\$ -	\$ 6,000
<b>Per Capita</b>				
Giving	\$ 448	\$ 1,364	\$ 599	\$ 1,504
Expenses	\$ 555	\$ 1,663	\$ 1,663	\$ 1,556
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (107)	\$ (299)	\$ (1,064)	\$ (52)
<b>Money in the Bank</b>				
		GENERAL	MISSIONS	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
12/31/2011	\$ 23,204	\$ 4,909	\$ 180,380	
Giving	\$ 41,387	\$ 9,763	\$ 22,459	
Expenses	\$ 49,918	\$ 727	\$ 8,418	
03/31/2012	\$ 14,673	\$ 13,945	\$ 194,422	

Please remember your 2012 Per Capita commitment - \$32.45.

Green envelopes for giving to the Capital Campaign

White envelopes for General Fund, Mission Fund and building maintenance

Blue envelopes for Per Capita

Thank you for your generous support of all Highland's programs. If you have any questions please contact Guy Matta - 410-692-6621 or [mattag4@aol.com](mailto:mattag4@aol.com)



## -- NEWS & EVENTS --

- Friday, May 11th -- **Clothing Closet Mission** -- Youth volunteers are needed to help prepare for this outreach to the community. Contact Sherry Everett for more info.
- Saturday, May 12th -- **Clothing Closet is OPEN** -- Volunteers are needed 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon.
- Sunday, May 13th -- **Mother's Day gifts** -- Sunday School grades K - 5th gr. will prepare these gifts.
- Friday, May 18th -- **Family Fun Night** -- "Minute to Win It" - game night theme. Please bring a drink and dessert to share -- and invite a friend to come along for the fun!!
- Sunday, May 27th -- **Confirmation Day for the Class of 2012** at 10:00 AM!!
- \*\* **Save the Date:** **Vacation Bible School** - "Sky: All Things are Possible with God!"  
Monday, June 25th through Friday, June 29th -- put it on your calendars!!!
- \*\* **Currently Seeking:** Highland Presbyterian Church is looking for a **Part-Time Youth Director / Coordinator**. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Pastor Jack Carlson.



### Confirmation Class of 2012

#### Schedule



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May 6th -- at Noon -- bring bag lunch  
 May 15th -- 6:30 PM -- Light Dinner with Session, Parents invited  
**May 27th -- Pentecost Sunday -- Received into Membership in Worship**



**Highland Presbyterian Church**  
will once again be *soaring the skies* during its exciting, fun-filled

# Vacation Bible School!



"All Things Are Possible With God." Now throw in some games, crafts, skits, music, snacks, a mission project and a picnic . . . and all things are possible at Vacation Bible School! That's right, folks. Highland's 2012 Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. The dates are Monday, June 25, through Friday, June 29, 2012. VBS is run in the evening beginning with dinner and includes a snack, too! We will cap off the week with a picnic supper on Friday evening. Give your children and their friends a fun week learning the greatest lessons of all!!

Of course, just because you have a few gray hairs doesn't mean that you can't join in the fun. So that you may contribute in ways large and small, there will be a poster in the Narthex with a listing of items that are needed. And, there are plenty of opportunities to help in the kitchen with meals, to chaperone, and for our closing picnic!

Make a memory. Join us for Vacation Bible School!!

If you need further information, or want to donate your time and talents, please contact Danielle Bisesi, [daniellebisesi@msn.com](mailto:daniellebisesi@msn.com), or Ian Fallon, [ianfallon1976@hotmail.com](mailto:ianfallon1976@hotmail.com).

See you in June!!



## Looking for more really awesome opportunities for your kids this Summer??

From Ian and Michele Fallon . . .

One of the best things that Michele and I did while growing up was go to summer camp. Summer camp gave us an opportunity to do and experience things that we would have never done. In fact, I enjoyed it so much that I continued working at camps during high school, college and after college! (Why did I go to law school? Hmmm . . .) For Michele and her sisters, their favorite camp was Pine Springs located in the Laurel Highlands of PA. All the kids from her home church at Poke Run Pres. in western PA went to Pine Springs. Michele still speaks fondly of Pine Springs and we actually toured the camp one winter day while driving home from visiting her family. So, when I received a letter from Pine Springs in my church mail box advertising its summer camp programs, I thought I had to share.

Pine Springs Camp is the camping and retreat ministry of the Redstone & Washington (PA) Presbyteries. Located on 230 beautiful acres in the Laurel Mountains, the camp serves children, youth and adults from various faiths and denominations from many different states. The camp is located about 4 hours from Highland - I invite all of you to check out Pine Spring's website, [www.pinesprings.org](http://www.pinesprings.org) and see they have to offer. We'd love to answer any questions about Pine Springs - just ask us!!

# The Body of Christ serving others . . .



## Clothing Closet Mission

We served **53** people in our community on March 10th! Visitors were so grateful for the help from your donations.

Thank you to Norma Taylor for the delicious dinner enjoyed by the volunteers!!

Our next volunteer work night will be **Fri., May 11th from 2:00-6:00 PM** as we prepare for **Sat., May 12th.**

Please join us if you would like to serve God through this ministry.

All clothing is FREE.

If you or anyone you know is in need please let us know.

Thank you!



## 2012 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Feinsein Challenge 1 Million Dollar Giveaway To Fight Hunger

Did you know that over 14 million people in America are going hungry?

The Deacons at Highland Presbyterian Church are asking for donations including cash, checks and or food items (valued at \$1.00 per item or pound).

All the monies raised will be matched dollar for dollar by the Feinsein Foundation.

By participating in the Feinsein Challenge we at Highland will be partners in the most successful ongoing effort ever to fight hunger.

Thank you for your donations and your ongoing prayers for a world in such need.

**April 30th is the last day for donations!!!**

## FROM THE DEACONS . . .

We are still looking for volunteers to be "on call" to help prepare a meal for those in need! You do not need to be a Deacon to participate in this ministry. Please call Mary Beverly Gallagher if you are interested in serving in this way. Also – if you know someone who could use a meal, please call Mary Beverly Gallagher as she will be the Coordinator of this "meal mission"! She can be reached at: 410-452-5143.

Last month Deacons and congregation members supplied 5 meals to Laura Rives the week that she tragically lost her daughter. She and her best friend who also lives at the manse expressed sincere gratitude to each person who came and to everyone at Highland for all the prayers. Thanks to all who helped out in this time of need.

Deacons will provide **audio tapes of the service** – only when requested!! Please make your request to the deacons no later than Wednesday of the week you are requesting!! Thank you!!



# Meal Mission



# Note of Thanks!

## Spring Tea News!



The 10th Annual Spring Tea was a great success. We had about 180 people in attendance. We would like to thank everyone who helped and also those who supported the Tea by attending. The profit will benefit the Capital Improvement Fund. We will have more details to report in the June Highlights.



Thank you for your support,  
*The Spring Tea Committee:*  
*Jean Bullen, Heidi Richardson, Amy Crawl,*  
*Marilyn Sams, Karen Jones, Koren Buehler*



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Make a note . . .

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# more Announcements . . .

## Vacuum Cleaner Needed

The Clothing Closet has had a request for a vacuum cleaner. If anyone has a vacuum they would be interested in donating, please contact Sherry Everett or the Church office.

Thanks very much for supporting this outreach ministry!



## Hospitality Coordinator Needed

As many of you know, at the end of May, I will no longer be in charge of the Sunday morning hospitality. This runs between the Sunday after Labor Day until the end of May each year.

We are looking for someone or perhaps a group of people to take over this activity. The hospitality time gives everyone an opportunity to spend a few minutes with family and friends over a cup of coffee and a cookie. What a better way to meet and greet the members of the church.

If you are interested and/or would like additional information, please give me a call, Maryellen Fyhr at 410-893-1265.

~Maryellen Fyhr ~



The Day of *Pentecost*  
May 27, 2012 -

**The birthday of the Church!**



# Upcoming Events...

## Dublin Country Fair

Parade

Crafts

Saturday, May 5, 2012

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

at Dublin Elementary School

1529 Whiteford Road  
Street, MD 21154

Games

Food

Free Kids Corner!

## Art Show

### HIGHLAND CHURCH TO HOST ART SHOW

Highland Church is fortunate to have two Sundays this Spring to view the works of a group of Harford County artists. They will set up the display so that it may be viewed Sunday, May 27th through to Sunday, June 3rd. Highland Alumni Association dinner on June 2nd will also have an opportunity to view the artwork.

One of the paintings is of Amos Mill. If they are fortunate enough to sell any of the paintings, 20% of the sales will go to the Highland Building Fund.

## Hymn Singing Festival

at  
Rehoboth Welsh Church



Sunday, May 6, 2012

2:30 PM


Main and Pendyrus Streets, Delta, PA.



This is a celebration of classic Christian hymns sung in the Welsh tradition under the direction of Donald Boothman of Massachusetts.

This will be a musical experience that will enrich and inspire you!

# May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 PM	FH Nursing Home 11:00 AM		Harford Hammers @ Christ our King 8:30 AM  Porcupine Mtg. 12:00 - 3:00 PM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship - 8:45 AM 11:00 AM  Sun. Sch. - 9:45 AM Communion Confirmation Class 12 Noon	Praise Team Reh. 7:00 PM	Hart Heritage - 10:30 AM  Trustee Mtg - 6:30PM  Session Mtg - 7:00 PM  Deacon Mtg -	Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 PM	Stephen Ministry - 7:00 PM	Clothing Closet Volunteers 2:00 - 6:00 PM	Higher Ground - 9:00 AM  Clothing Closet - 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship - 8:45 AM 11:00 AM  Sun. Sch. - 9:45 AM  <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> 		Confirmation Class Dinner with Session - 6:30 PM   <b>Highlights Article Deadline **</b>	Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 PM		Family Fun Night	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship - 10:00 AM No Sunday School Congregational Mtg. 11:00 AM  NHHS Choir Concert 3:00PM	Praise Team Reh. - 7:00 PM		Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 PM	Stephen Ministry - 7:00 PM		
27	28	29	30	31		
<i>Pentecost</i>   Worship - 10:00 AM Confirmation No Sunday School			Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 PM			

## Happy Birthday!!

### May Birthdays



4 Clara Wilson	28 Reilly Holmstrom Ella Enfield
10 Sharon Barrett	
21 Sam Tharpe, Sr.	30 Dylan Wood Holly Woodward

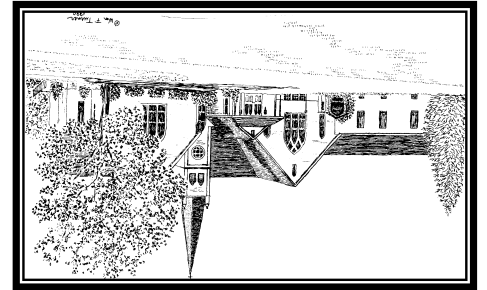
### May Birthdays



*Please let the church office know if we have missed your birthday.  
You can call, email or place a note in the secretary's box in the library.*



A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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