

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

"I CAN DO THAT!"

Rev. Jason Burgher

Amy White

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-7 & Communal Response

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

We come to worship God.

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

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Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

God, our creator and sustainer. We are yours and we worship you.

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

It Is Well With My Soul; Be Still My Soul; Oh Happy Day; Abide

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, JR Brumley, Angelena Stephens,
Kaitlin Guenther, Ron Jump, Sally Osborn*

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

(At this time, children 4yrs through 5th grade are dismissed to go upstairs for Sunday School.

Parents, please pick up your child in room 207 upstairs following worship

Youth Sunday School meets downstairs in the youth room.)

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC

No Turning Back; Let it Be

MESSAGE

THE WAY UP IS DOWN
Psalm 131

Rev. Jason Burgher

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Be Still; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.



Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters,**

Jeff & Pat Sidler

Youth— Cora Knauer

Your service is greatly appreciated!

Jason Burgher graduated from the University of Cincinnati and Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte. Jason has served as a church planer and pastor for over 20 years and is currently a chaplain at the Linder Center of Hope in Mason, Ohio.



The **Highland United Methodist Summer Picnic** is coming up! Don't miss out on this yearly tradition. Join us **Sunday, September 13, at 12:15** at Highland Hills Park, shelter two. We'll provide chicken. You can make the event a success by signing up to bring a side, or by helping with setup and cleanup on the web or the sign up sheet in the Welcome Center.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is back, **Saturday, September 26 at 5:30!** This event is a fun and engaging way for church members to connect. Individuals, couples, and families of all ages are invited and will be assigned to "host homes" for a dinner gathering. Neither hosts nor guests will know in advance who will be joining their group. After dinner, all participants will gather at the church for a communal dessert. RSVP on the website or in the app.



For many in the church, confirmation gives us the building blocks for a lifetime of faith. Whether you were confirmed as a youth or not, *Affirm* is a new study designed to help us reaffirm the basics of our faith and look forward to a deeper relationship with Christ and the Church. Join John HB Wednesday nights at 6:30, beginning September 9, as we affirm our faith together. [RSVP on our website.](#)



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PRELUDE Prelude (Grave) & Fugue Jacques Boyvin

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HYMN #127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

DAILY PRAYER

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PRAYER FOR OFFERING & MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY Dialogue Jean Francois Dandrieu

HYMN #534* Be Still, My Soul

DOXOLOGY*

SPECIAL MUSIC Don & Esther Drewry

MESSAGE **THE WAY UP IS DOWN** Rev. Jason Burgher
Psalm 131

HYMN #368* My Hope is Built

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue Francois Roberday

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YOUTH MINISTRY

To **volunteer** for **Monday Morning Prayer** or **Sunday School** please contact Madeline at youth@highlandmethodist.com.

Youth Upcoming Dates

- Monday, 8/24 First Monday Morning Prayer @ 7:20 am
- Sunday, 8/30 Sunday School, NO YOUTH GROUP
- Monday, 8/31 Monday Morning Prayer @ 7:20 am



AS OF JULY 31, 2026

General Fund YTD Income: \$344,713

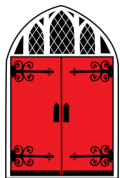
General Fund YTD Expense: \$377,547

YTD Net Shortfall: (\$32,834)

YTD General Fund Budgeted Need: \$366,384

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Jim W—health concerns
- Brian H—diabetes concerns
- Renee—cancer diagnosis
- Zink family—loss of child
- Hellen S—mission trip
- Harry C—lung cancer
- Patty A—broken ankle
- Sean B—teaching in Honduras
- The family of Ed Harber
- Dottie D—terminal cancer



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Highland United Methodist Church

August 23, 2026 9:30am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**Sunday
Worship**
AUGUST 23, 2026

Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.