

June 2023

# The Highlander

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## Musings from Pastor Erin

Family of faith,

It's June, which means that summer is upon us - warm weather, outdoor activities, vacations & such. For us here at church, we will be wrapping up our seasons of Adult Sunday School & Tuesdays at 10 before taking a summer hiatus. Our choir is on a break until the fall, but never fear, we have a great lineup shaping up for special music. This summer's worship promises to be wonderful!

For me, I am preparing to take my final in person class for my D.Min program. I began my program in June of 2021 & now we are making the transition into the next phase - writing of our creative dissertations. Our class this month is on the Reading & Writing the Spiritual Life, taught by Dr. Roger Owens, who is the Professor of Pastoral Theology at Pittsburgh Seminary. I'm really looking forward to the class because Roger is structuring it to include a time for reflection & writing. My cohort is extremely close & we have grown so much together in these last two years. They are like family to me now & I feel so blessed to know them & have them in my life. There is certainly a feeling of bittersweet sadness with this being our final class as a whole group, as beginning this fall, we will be split into five groups to begin working on our projects. I will certainly treasure our time together at the seminary. I will be away from the evening of June 18th to June 23rd.

Hope to see you this June in worship!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Erin", located at the bottom right of the musings section.

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# PCOP Updates

## JUNE CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

9:45am Adult Sunday School  
11:00am Worship & Communion

### MONDAY, JUNE 5TH

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH

10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH

9:45am Adult Sunday School  
11:00am Worship

### MONDAY, JUNE 12TH

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

### TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH

10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

### SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH

11:00am Worship

### MONDAY, JUNE 19TH

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays

### TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH

2:00pm Community Meal Prep

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST

4:30pm Community Meal

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH

11:00am Worship

### MONDAY, JUNE 26TH

10am-12pm Mahjong Mondays  
6:00pm Session Meeting

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH

10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

\*\*Note that Erin will be away from the evening of Sunday, June 18th through Friday, June 23rd for her D.Min program

## FINANCIAL UPDATE & ATTENDANCE - APRIL 2023

	Offering	Attendance
May 7th	\$2,140.00	41 (0 online)
May 14th	\$1,235.00	49 (0 online)
May 21st	\$1,667.00	54 (1 online)

### April 2023 Financial Statement

	Current	Year to Date	Budget
Receipts	\$16,174.40	\$76,444.29	
Disbursements	\$15,558.78	\$70,250.15	\$193,678.00
Total	\$615.62	\$6,194.14	



## FLOWER SCHEDULE - JUNE & JULY

**JUNE 4th:** Piano in honor & memory of loved ones from Butch & Sandy Philliber. Urns (open)

**JUNE 11th:** Table dedicated in loving memory of Becky Craig on her birthday from Laurie Craig & Diane Forsythe. Urns (open)

**JUNE 18th:** Table & Urns (open)

**JUNE 25th:** Table & Urns (open)

**JULY 2nd:** Piano in honor of our nation's independence from Butch & Sandy Philliber. Urns in memory of Richard Fetterman from Linda Fetterman.

**JULY 9th:** Table (open). Urns dedicated in loving memory of Evelyn & Margaret Dougherty from the Richard Cessna family.

**JULY 16th:** Table & Urns (open)

**JULY 23rd:** Table & Urns (open)

**JULY 30th:** Table & Urns (open)

*Flower dedications are \$25 each; if you would like to dedicate flowers in honor or memory of someone or something special, please contact the church office at (814) 938-5560.*

## Prayer List

Marge Brennan  
Duane & Pam Carr  
Betty Cessna  
Kate Doverspike  
The Graham Family  
Barb Hanley  
Martha Irvin  
Kathy Kopp  
Joyce Shaffer  
Flo West

*Please contact the church office to add a name to the newsletter & bulletin prayer lists.*

## Birthdays

**June 1st:** Joe Karetski  
**June 3rd:** Jackson Fezell  
Susan Wydra  
**June 8th:** Donna Grabany  
Terry Studebaker  
**June 18th:** Donna Kengersky  
**June 23rd:** Jack Haire  
**June 27th:** Bev Divelbiss  
Amy Williams



## New Members

We would like to extend a welcome to Violet Eckman, Laura Jenary, and Joanne Mennetti, who officially joined our church on May 28th. We are so happy you're here!

## Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:45am in the Seminar Room prior to worship. We are studying the Book of Hebrews through June 11th, then will be on a hiatus for the rest of the summer. If you are interested, please join us!

## June Community Meal

This month's community meal will be held Wednesday, June 21st at 4:30pm.

Meal prep will be Tuesday, June 20th at 2:00pm. Anyone wishing to help out, please contact Donna Anderson (814-592-1001).

## Mahjong Mondays

Mahjong Mondays are officially up and running! We had a full house and tons of fun on May 22nd with about 15-20 attendees. Our next game day is Monday, June 5th. We will continue to meet every Monday in June from 10am-12pm. Mahjong Mondays are beginner-friendly, with all levels and Punxsutawney community members welcome. Don't know how to play Mahjong? We'll teach you!



## Choir

Choir will be on a break from rehearsals for the summer. We'll see you in the fall!



## Tuesdays @ 10

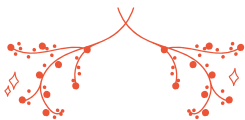
Tuesdays @ 10 meets every Tuesday at 10:00am in the Seminar Room. We are studying the book of Hebrews through the end of June. We'd love to see you there!





## From the Dinsmores, a note of thanks

The family of Ray Dinsmore would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to our entire church family. We have been overwhelmingly touched and immensely comforted by the generous outpouring of love, prayers, cards, food, memorials, visits and phone calls. Each gesture reminds us of your love for our husband, father and grandfather and for each of us as well. We are grateful for all the thoughts and condolences we have received. The potluck meal following Ray's memorial service was abundant in quality and quantity and far exceeded our expectations. Thank you to all who contributed time, effort and food. We are truly blessed and genuinely thankful to be immersed in such a loving, communal and generous church family!



## Liturgist Schedule

- June 4th: Rex Lettie
- June 11th: Flo West
- June 18th: Lee Blose
- June 25th: Debra Dinsmore

Thank you to everyone who made our May Community Meal a success! We prepared and distributed a total of 160 meals by 4:39pm. We have a great time every month. Want to join us in June? Contact Donna Anderson at 814-592-1001.



Donna Anderson  
Community Meal Captain



Bev Divelbiss  
Banana Bar Bursar



Barb Endress, Lee Blose  
Synchronized Slicers



Karen Offutt  
Cornbread Connoisseur



Debbie Himes  
Pork & Noodles Specialist



Rex Lettie, Joel Anderson  
Community Meal Muscle



Jean Hughes  
Cleanup Savant



Ellen Rose  
Community Meal Cognoscente



Donna Grabany  
Packaging Philosopher



left:  
Donna Anderson,  
Lee Blose  
Drive-thru Gurus



right:  
Barb Endress  
Community Meal  
Comedienne



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## Now Accepting Donations for Parking Lot Sale

The Community Meal team is now accepting donations of household items for their one-day-only "Parking Lot Sale" during this summer's Groundhog Festival. Donated items can include but are not limited to: dishes, glassware, cookware, bakeware, home decor, towels, bed and table linens, tools, small appliances, etc. We will not be accepting clothing or accessories for this sale (the announcement for our next clothing collection will be made separately). Proceeds will benefit the community meals. All donations can be dropped off in the back corner of the church dining room. Please do not leave anything in the hallway by the church office. We thank you in advance for your generosity!