

Youth Ministry

Children's Activities K - 6th Grades

Activities:

Quirky Quarters - Three to four special seasonal events.

Youth Group Grades 7 - 12

Meets twice a month.

Activities:

Community Clean-up
Mission Trips
Ronald McDonald House
Scavenger Hunts for Pantry
Winter Fun Activities
SOUPer Bowl Sunday
Supporting the homeless Veterans
Volunteering in the Community



*The Heart,
Hands, & Feet
of Jesus Christ*

*The First
Presbyterian Church
of Highland, Indiana*

Our History

The First Presbyterian Church of Highland was chartered in June 1937. We built our first building in 1938 and additional buildings in 1953 and 1958. 1987 was the year of our Golden Anniversary, at that time the sanctuary was remodeled to accommodate our Berghaus Pipe Organ, which was dedicated in 1988. Our church has been served by nine ministers.

Church Boards and Staff

The Session is our governing board, and is made up of nine members. The Board of Trustees, has six members, they're responsible for maintaining our church building, any and all equipment and the church's property. The Board of Deacons consists of nine members, their purpose is to be in contact with and be a friend to all in our church family, and all who enter our doors. One-third of each board is elected each year for a three-year term. All of our boards are made up of men and women of all ages and are elected by the congregation. In addition to our minister, our church has a paid staff which includes a part-time Family and Children Program Coordinator, secretary, choir director and organist.

Family and Children Program Coordinator

Heather Casiano is originally from southeastern Wisconsin. She received her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Communication Processes from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. She was ordained as an Elder in the PCUSA in 2004, and has served on the sessions of three different churches. She has served on several Christian Education committees and was the director of Vacation Bible School at two different churches. Heather also was active with the Protestant Women of the Chapter (PWOC) group at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and served as their chapter's president for two years. Heather has prior professional experience in youth programming and volunteer recruiting, which she feels prepared her for her role as the church's Family and Youth Program Coordinator. She is excited about serving the youth and families of all kinds and sharing God's love. Heather is married to Jesse, and they have two sons, Robbie and Tristan. Heather volunteers with the local Boy Scout council and her sons' pack/troop, and she is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts of the USA. In her spare time, she enjoys knitting, reading, gardening and camping.

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Reverend Tyler Orem

Pastor Tyler is from southern Indiana and received his Undergraduate Degree from Notre Dame. He has a Master of Arts in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, and a Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary, where he was the recipient of several awards and fellowships. He was ordained in 2015. In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, he is a licensed social worker providing counseling services to vulnerable youth populations in Chicago.

Pastor Tyler has a wealth of diverse experiences having served with the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer Program in India for a year, and as a training officer for Theological Education by Extension in Zambia for a year. His time in Zambia was a component of his ordained ministry as the Phillips Talbot Global Ministry Fellow with Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, which also entailed serving as a teaching Elder and Youth Minister. Reverend Tyler is thrilled to now be serving the faithful, welcoming community of the First Presbyterian Church of Highland.



Faith Development Opportunities

Prior to our worship service, at 9:00 A.M., we have two adult classes and a youth Sunday School class.

Worship

We meet for worship each Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M. for a traditional service with choral and organ music. Our weekly worship includes a children's mini-sermon. Communion is served each month, on Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve, and is open to both members and visitors. Child care is available during the worship hour.

We invite you to join us in our time of worship and to meditate and sing with us. Following worship we invite you to our Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats. Or you may want to sit in our garden, which is a place of peace, quiet and beauty. Most important of all, we ask you to enjoy God and Jesus Christ and to rejoice with us.

Ministries and Activities

Something for Everyone!

Ministries

- Gladys' Table - Free meal open to the public on the last Saturday of the month.
- Shelter cooking and/or serving - Second Saturday of the month.
- Tree of Warmth - Providing winter hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for local school children.
- Pantry - Providing non-perishable items on a rotating basis to Love, INC, Veterans Life Changing Services, and Salvation Army.
- Blessing Box - A box located outside the church where non-perishable goods, school supplies, gloves, etc. can be dropped off and then picked up by those in need.
- Prayer Shawl - Volunteers are asked to pray for the recipient of the shawl before and during its construction. Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 P.M.

Activities

- Bell Choir - Practice Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.
- Book Club - Third Thursday of the month at 2:00 P.M.
- Chancel Choir - Practice Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.
- Garden Club - Maintain the beauty of the Church's gardens, Spring through Fall, Mondays at 9:30 A.M.
- Golf Team - Play in the Calumet Area Golf League, May through August, Mondays at 4:30 P.M.
- Habitat ReStore - Assemble and decorate Christmas trees for their Christmas Open House the first weekend of November.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing - From Thanksgiving through Christmas at Strack and Van Til in Highland.

Outreach

- Al Anon - Mondays at 7:30 P.M.
- Gamblers Anonymous - Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

