

THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

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LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

As many of you know Lent is the season that leads us into Easter. During Lent we prepare our hearts for the events of Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a time when we face ourselves and our need for forgiveness and renewal in our own lives. It is also a time when we follow Christ's example of giving to those in need.

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be just that, a time of prayer and worship and then serving others as we support our PSP.

On each Sunday in Lent we will be looking at the book "Wrestling With Doubt and Finding Faith." Having questions about God and about faith is not a bad thing. It is, in fact, the way our faith grows. The author of the our book has said: "I wish we had more Christians who were critical thinkers." Faith become stronger as we raise questions, it become our own, not just something that we've inherited from our parents or grandparents.

Here are the topics we'll be covering:

2/18 "Faith and Certainty"

Is there anything we can be absolutely certain about?

2/25 "I Don't Like the Bible!"

The Bible is vital in our faith, but is not always easy and can make us very uncomfortable.

3/3 "Who's Going to Hell?"

This is one of those uncomfortable places in scripture. Is the only way people can have eternal life by believing in Jesus?

3/10 "What's Next after Our Life in this Realm?"

There is life after life! But what is it? What will it be like?

3/17 "When God Doesn't Answer"

We pray and pray and pray.....and there is silence from God. Why? If God is loving why doesn't God answer us?

3/24 "Why do People Suffer?"

This is the question of the ages. As we enter into Holy Week, a week that ended with the profound suffering of Jesus, we can't help but ask why?

I hope that you will join us for worship, for study and in opportunities to serve others, as we go through this Holy Seasons.

Pastor Nancy



HIGHLAND UNITED

HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—DECEMBER 2023



<u>Date</u>	<u>G. Fund</u>	<u>B. Fund</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Adult SS</u>	<u>K. Ministry</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Total</u>
12/03/23	\$ 2,356.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,716.00
12/10/23	\$ 3,605.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,890.00
12/17/23	\$ 1,475.05	\$ 17.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,094.00	\$ 124.00	\$ 2,710.05
12/24/23	\$ 1,558.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 1,657.00
12/31/23	<u>\$ 2,024.00</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,124.00</u>
TOTALS	\$11,018.05	\$ 497.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,094.00	\$ 223.00	\$ 13,097.05

Per Capita Assessment for 2023 is for 116 members @ \$31.00/member-\$3,565.00.
Total given to date for 2023 is \$1,889.16.

December Mission General Assembly of Presbytery —\$265.00

November Mission Newport/Greenwood Schools—\$360.00

HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—JANUARY 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>G. Fund</u>	<u>B. Fund</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Adult SS</u>	<u>K. Ministry</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Total</u>
1/07/24	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
1/14/24	\$ 3,982.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 4,727.00
1/21/24	\$ 1,370.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,665.00
1/28/24	<u>\$ 1,693.00</u>	<u>\$ 405.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 33.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,181.00</u>
TOTALS	\$ 7,045.00	\$ 905.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 393.00	\$ 8,573.00

Per Capita Assessment for 2024 is for 124 members @ \$33.00/member-\$4,092.00.
Total given to date for 2024 is \$393.00

January Mission Pink Hands of Hope—\$230.00

December Mission General Assembly of Presbytery —\$265.00



DEACON NEWS

DEACON FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS:
MICHELLE BYERS

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

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DEACONS

Linda Bitting

Elaine Buffington

Darlene Fitzpatrick

Kim Drum

Ethel Mohler

Michelle Byers

Melissa Neidigh

Wendy Brunner

Susan Robinson



Feb.	2	Janice Zaring	Anniversaries:
		Logan Bates	
	3	Linda MacAskill	NONE
		Stephen Adams	
		Kelli Kinzer	
	4	Calleigh Barlup	
	5	Susan Robinson	
		Brielle Kauffman	
	8	Avon Wagner	
	11	Kathy Smith	
		Ava Barlup	
	12	Lori Little	
	15	Emma Babski	
	17	William Buffington	
	18	Lucy Pascoe	
	19	Peg Tressler	
	23	Tripp Bryson	
		Cathy Mathias	
	25	Adam Smith	
	26	Melissa Neidigh	
	28	Henry Barlup	

percapita

One of the questions that is asked most frequently in the PCUSA is about the per-capita. Per-capita is paid by the church for each member of the church (many of you pay your per-capita each year – thank you!). The money supports the mission and ministry of the PCUSA at the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly levels. So what this means is your per-capita goes to support places like Bethesda Mission, Downtown Daily Bread, Presbyterians in Action in Honduras, Lend a Hand Ministries, Presbyterian Disaster Relief. The per capita allows us to support vital ministries throughout the world and locally. The per capita is not membership dues, or a tax. It is our joining our brothers and sisters in Carlisle Presbytery, in the USA and across the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

THE NEW PER CAPITA FOR 2024 PER PERSON WILL BE \$33.00.

WESTMINSTER UNITED

WESTMINSTER

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Diane Marshall

Kit Parks

Vera Zimmerman

Jody Satzler

Jan Manbeck

Rob Digon

DEACONS

Chris Fisher

Barbara Koppenhaver

Michelle Parks

Beth Stoner

Polly Digon

TRUSTEES

Brett Satzler

Rachel Dowling

Jane Shirk

Mike Stoner

Petey Crater

Dick Crozier

Kathie Eichenberger

Rachel Dowling

(Cemetery Treasurer)

Feb. Lector: Dave Doray

Feb. Counters: Diane Marshall and Chris Fisher

Feb. Closer: Chris Fisher

Children's Activities for Feb 4 Meghan Geedey **11** Kit Parks and Michelle Parks **18** The Dignons **25** Chrissy Campagna and Heather McClure

Feb. Birthdays: **6** Joe Benner **15** Rich Swab, Vera Zimmerman **22** Osirius Digon

Feb. Anniversaries: NONE

ANYONE NEEDING MEALS PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE DEACONS: Michelle Parks, Polly Digon, Beth Stoner, Chris Fisher, or Barb Koppenhaver.

ATTENTION! BOARD MEMBERS! All annual reports are due to the church office by February 28, 2024. Hard copies and via email will be available on March 10, 2024. Please bring hard copies with you for the Annual Meeting on March 17, 2024.



DON'T FORGET you can now zoom into worship at Westminster at 11am. The link for Westminster worship is found in the worship section of this newsletter.

WESTMINSTER UNITED CONTINUED



Please add the following dates to your calendar:

2/22/24 Session Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Pastor's Office

3/17/24 Annual Meeting of the Congregation Following Worship

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY

MISSION



HIGHLAND'S MONTHLY MISSION IS PERRY COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE: Our Mission giving this month will go to the Perry County Animal Rescue. It is a shelter for lost and unwanted animals looking for their forever homes. Please consider giving to this worthy cause.



WESTMINSTER'S MONTHLY MISSION: The Mission for February will go to Jason Barlup Family.



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD BANK NEEDS: CANNED BEETS, CEREAL, TOILET PAPER, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, PAPER TOWELS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ANY CLEANING ITEMS.

*** DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED.**

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

MISSION CONTINUED



HIGHLAND'S INDOOR YARD SALE: Well, we're doing it! The Mission Committee had a suggestion for a Springfest and by George we're having one. Mission Committee is having an indoor yard sale on Friday, April 5 from 8-4 and Saturday, April 6 from 8-11. Anyone who has items to donate please put them in the last Sunday School Room on the right. Please no electronics and no undergarments. Clean usable items. There will also be a free breakfast (more information to follow) both days open to public as a good will. Limited seating since yard sale will also be going on. Don't forget, items needed. Any questions please ask Janice Zaring.



HIGHLAND'S MISSION COMMITTEE: Mission Committee is doing their hat, mittens, and scarfs tree again for Winterfest. I know it's early but for all you sewing people or knitting/crocheting people we are looking for homemade ones to hang on the tree. **NO EXCUSES**, you have time. If you aren't crafty and want to donate a yard of fleece that would be great (1 yd. makes 4 hats). If you have yarn to donate that would be wonderful also. Any questions please see Janice Zaring.

FUN QUOTES

QUOTES: This was quoted in a letter sent to a family member during the Spanish American War. "Times are full of sorrow and disappointments".

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

FELLOWSHIP

HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2024:



Mar. 3 Elaine Buffington and Wendy Brunner
Apr. 7 Linda Barlup and Kim Drum
May 5 Joyce Heintzelman and Melissa Neidigh
June 2 Linda Bitting and Patricia Shutt

July 7 Carol Kauffman and Lori Little
Aug. 4 Karen Turner and Abigail Worthy
Sept. 1 Dana Bryan and Darlene Fitzpatrick
Oct. 6 Kathy Sanderson and Gail Frank
Nov. 3 Cecile Willet and Jeri Hall
Dec. 1 Pat Goutheil and Nancy Campbell



GOOD NEWS SINGERS COMING TO HIGHLAND: The Good News Singers are coming to Highland on March 17, 2024. The program will be at 3:00 in the afternoon. There will be a free-will offering collected, and light refreshments served. This from Rick Smiley of the Good News Singers: Our 48th season features a new exciting compilation called "Songs That The Church Loves To Sing" (The greatest praise songs of the 70's, 80's and 90's). We have often discussed that we have been together so many years that it is time to do a "Best of The Good News Singers" concert, and this new program pretty much does exactly that! This 45-minute concert will have your congregation singing right along with the group to such favorites as: "How Excellent is Thy Name", "He is Exalted", "Crucified with Christ", "Let There Be Praise", the powerful "We Shall Behold Him" and seven more praise songs that will inspire your congregation.

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

EDUCATION



MARCH SUNDAY LIVE will be on March 10th and our Theme will be Spreading Spring. Spring means renewed hope and joy. Our chimes will be rehearsing, everything will be Spring! Crafts, lesson everything. Join us from 5:30-7pm.



WRESTLING WITH DOUBT AND FINDING FAITH – BIBLE STUDY

- 2/17 Bible Study at Newport Family Restaurant
Chapter 1 of Wrestling with Doubt...Finding Faith: Is There a God?
- 2/24 Bible Study at Harling's
Chapter 2 "The Good Book?"
- 3/2 Bible Study at Newport Family Restaurant
Chapter 3 "Do All Non-Christians Go to Hell?"
- 3/9 Bible Study at Harling's
Chapter 4 "Is Heaven Real?"
- 3/16 Bible Study at Newport Family Restaurant
Chapter 5 "When Prayers Go Unanswered"
- 3/23 Bible Study at Harling's
Chapter 6 "Why do People Suffer?"

All Bible studies begin at 8:30am and are available on zoom as well. If you want a copy of the book we are using please contact Pastor Nancy

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in prayer our church members and our friends:



Colton Cook, Darlene Shaffer, Jason Barlup, Peg Tressler, Emily Reeser, Charles Ebling, Marjory Miller, David Miller, George Yohn, Bill Baker, Russell LaForce, James Bryan, Steve Wetzler, Janice Zaring's Sister-in-Law, Carol Rhoades, Diana Landis, Barry Cornell, Jack Richard, Wendy's niece, Julia, Avon and Delroy Wagner, Eddi Kay Gill, Bob Gill, Barb Koppenhaver, Glenn McNaight, Curtis Beatty, Mary Kleckner (Harry McNaight's mother), Jane Shirk, Emily, Kathie Eichenberger, Joe Benner, Glenn Cook and Pastor Nancy's mother, Teedie Frankenbach.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



PASTOR NANCY'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday at Highland United
Wednesday at Westminster

SECRETARY'S HOURS:

Highland United:	Tuesday 8:00-12:00	Thursday 8:00-2:00	Friday 8:00-12:00
Westminster:	Wednesday 8:00-5:00	Friday 7:30-12:30	

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

LENT SCHEDULE



LENTEN SCHEDULE

- 2/14 ASH WEDNESDAY AT WESTMINSTER
- 2/17 Bible Study at Newport Family Restaurant
Chapter 1 of Wrestling with Doubt...Finding Faith: Is There a God?
- 2/18 1st Sunday of Lent 9:30 HUPC 11:00 WUPC Communion at Highland
- 2/24 Bible Study at Harling's
Chapter 2 "The Good Book?"
- 2/25 Lent II
- 3/2 Bible Study at Newport Family Restaurant
Chapter 3 "Do All Non-Christians Go to Hell?"
- 3/3 Lent III
- 3/9 Bible Study at Harling's
Chapter 4 "Is Heaven Real?"
- 3/10 Lent IV
Sunday Night Live at Highland 5:00pm
- 3/16 Bible Study at Newport Family Restaurant
Chapter 5 "When Prayers Go Unanswered"
- 3/17 Lent IV
Annual Meeting at WUPC
Good News Singers at HUPC 3pm
- 3/23 Bible Study at Harling's
Chapter 6 "Why do Innocent People Suffer?"
- 3/24 PALM SUNDAY
- 3/28 MAUNDY THURSDAY at Highland 6pm Supper, 7pm service
- 3/31 EASTER
9:00am Highland 11:00am Westminster

WORSHIP

ZOOM LINKS: (HIGHLAND)

BIBLE STUDY LINK: Joint Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85829693534?pwd=WHRrRDRETVVvb1YvdDdFa2xDaW91QT09>

Meeting ID: 858 2969 3534 Passcode: 268410 One tap mobile: 16468769923,
+1 669 444 9171 US +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (8:30am)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/619915621?pwd=NFN3ZzRPSWRGM2ZpVmhqWFRWWkdKUT09>

Meeting ID: 619 915 621 Passcode: 129308

WORSHIP LINK 9:30am Sunday Worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/912154723?pwd=cHI2eVJBVWM0azV4U0MzZ1NtdHEzUT09>

IF YOU ARE USING A CELL OR LAND LINE: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 912 154 723 Password: 664159

WORSHIP LINK (WESTMINSTER)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88072404345?pwd=vJfD5sJLEImec76yhU3qBz12VkdoHt.1>

Meeting ID: 880 7240 4345 Passcode: 792977

Dial by your location

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JVSM FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 HUPC Coffee Hour following worship HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00	5	6 Tai Chi 10-11 Deacon's (H) 6:30 p.m.	7	8 Tai Chi 10-11 Session (H) @ 6:00	9	10 Bible Study @ Harling's @ 8:30 a.m.
11 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00	12	13 Tai Chi 10-11	14 Ash Wednesday @ Westminster 6:00 Supper 7:00 Service	15 Tai Chi 10-11	16	17 Bible Study @ Newport Family Restaurant @ 8:30 a.m.
18 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00 LENT I COMMUNION AT HUPC	19	20 Tai Chi 10-11	21	22 Tai Chi 10-11 Session (W) @ 6:00 p.m. Property (H) @ 6:00 p.m.	23	24 Bible Study @ Harling's @ 8:30 a.m.
25 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00 LENT II	26	27 Tai Chi 10-11	28	29		

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