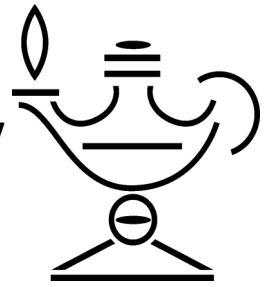


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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

The last few months have been hard. Both of our churches have lost long-time beloved members. Within the greater community of Perry/Juniata Country there have been deep losses. After all of this I felt we needed to slow down and take a deep breath and HEAR....really hear God's words of hope and comfort to all who are grieving.



I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? ² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. (Psalm 121)

Reflection: *In the moments when we are convinced we have no more strength, we can't take another step, God reminds us, that our strength, our help is found in him. From our first breath to our last – we are not alone.*



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, ^[a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of ^[b] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12)

Reflection: *Life is a race, it takes work, preparation, and commitment. The race we run in this life is about being the people God has called us to be. But in this race we are not alone, we have people cheering us on, encouraging us. Those people may be our church family, our families and the list goes on. And even when our race is over we are surrounded by those who are cheering us to the finish line. They are saying to us "Welcome Home! Well Done!"*



But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Reflection: *Grieving for a lost loved one is never over. There will be big things and little things that have us remembering them, wishing they were with us. Grief can be heavy and God speaks to us in the wonderful words of Isaiah and the Psalmist. Those that wait upon the Lord – remember waiting is active. Waiting is connecting, growing, seeking God. As we wait.. we will be raised up, we shall not grow weary, we shall not faint. We will shine like the sun and be held in the palm of God's hand. (Isaiah 40)*

HIGHLAND UNITED

HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—MARCH 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>
3/03/24	\$ 3,649.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 4,449.00
3/10/24	\$ 1,167.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 1,252.00
3/17/24	\$ 2,143.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 2,341.00
3/24/24	\$ 872.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 942.00
3/31/24	\$ 1,268.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 1,434.00
TOTALS	\$ 9,099.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 329.00	\$ 10,418.00

Per Capita Assessment for 2024 is for 124 members @ \$33.00/member-\$4,092.00.
Total given to date for 2024 is \$1,376.50.

March Mission Linda's House —\$395.00

February Mission Perry County Animal Rescue—\$555.00



HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—APRIL 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>
4/07/24	\$ 2,438.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 2,966.00
4/14/24	\$ 2,487.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 957.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,654.50
4/21/24	\$ 2,079.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,134.00
4/28/24	\$ 1,027.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,023.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,250.00
TOTALS	\$ 8,031.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,980.50	\$ 33.00	\$ 11,004.50

Per Capita Assessment for 2024 is for 124 members @ \$33.00/member-\$4,092.00.
Total given to date for 2024 is \$1,409.30.

April Mission Camp Krislund —\$410.00

March Mission Linda's House —\$395.00

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

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Dennis Tressler

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Pat Shutt

DEACONS

Linda Bitting

Elaine Buffington

Darlene Fitzpatrick

Lori Little

Ethel Mohler

Michelle Byers

Carol Kauffman

Wendy Brunner

Susan Robinson



July	4	Billi Walton	Anniversaries:	
	5	Jessica Bryson	16	Adam and Adrienne Smith
	6	Brenda Cook	20	Joseph and Gail Frank
	14	Abigail Worthy		William an Melissa Neidigh
	15	Joseph Frank	31	Jeff and Cathy Mathias
		Joan Brodisch		
	16	Jarl Uilkema		
	18	William Brodisch		
	19	Christopher Kauffman		
	22	Jeniffer Bates		
		Bethany Comp		
	24	Jimmy Heisey		
	25	William Baker		
	29	Cash Bryson		

DEACON NEWS

**DEACON FOR THE MONTH OF JULY IS:
LINDA BITTING**

WESTMINSTER UNITED

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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

Shelly Horning

Dick Crozier

Rachel Dowling

July Lector: Derek Lentz

July Counters: Diane Marshall and Vera Zimmerman

July Closer: Vera Zimmerman

July Ushers/Greeters: Kerri and Derek Lentz

Children's Activities for July 7 Gabe and Emily Book 14 Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler 21 Meghan Geedey 28 Kit Parks and Michelle Parks

July Birthdays: 5 Bret Satzler 9 Jan Manbeck 13 Jessica Fisher 20 Tristan Digon 25 Emily Book 26 Drew Geedey

July Anniversaries: NONE

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



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.



Please add the following dates to your calendar:

7/25 Session Meeting at 6:00

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY

MISSION



HIGHLAND'S MONTHLY MISSION: OUR JULY MISSION IS Central PA Youth Ministry.



WESTMINSTER'S MONTHLY MISSION FOR JULY: The Mission for July will go to Bethesda Mission.



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD BANK NEEDS: CANNED BEETS AND BAKED BEANS, CLEANING SUPPLIES AND TOILET PAPER, BACKPACK PROGRAM: SINGLE-SERVE FRUIT CUPS, JELL-O CUPS, NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING AND SINGLE-SERVE MEALS. DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS ARE GLADLY ACCEPTED..

THANK YOU SO MUCH for all the great community support! Our backpack program is providing food for children from kindergarten through 8th grade who might otherwise be going hungry this summer but are instead receiving boxes filled with nutritious lunches. Donations are beginning to slow down as families head off on vacations. Please don't forget that hunger doesn't take a vacation in the summer!

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

THANK YOU FROM HIGHLAND



A special thanks to Lee Kraft for trimming the shrubs and all the unnoticed work she does.

Thank you Lee

THANK YOU FROM WESTMINSTER

I WISH TO THANK all of you for making Westminster's Fundraiser at Harshbarger's a great success. The proceeds totaled \$982.45 and we were given 20% of that amount which was \$196.49. This will help us continue feeding the hungry both spiritually and physically.

Blessings to each of you,
Diane Marshall, Coordinator

WORSHIP



THIS SUMMER... WE WILL BE TRAVELING THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW.

Matthew wants us to know Jesus,
wants us to understand that faith is not just words but actions,
that the GOOD NEWS is for everyone!

Here is our July Schedule of Sermons:

- July 7th "The Gospel for Everyone – and we mean Everyone!"
- July 14th Suzie Souder leading worship
- July 21st "The Road, the water, the fire the Ax –How the story begins"
- July 28th "Revolution"

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

FELLOWSHIP



HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2024:

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 Gouthail and Nancy Campbell

FUN QUOTES

QUOTES:

Constantly learning that if I don't fill my mind with prayer—I fill it with anxiety, worry, temptations and resentment.

EDUCATION



HIGHLAND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS TAKING A SUMMER BREAK.

Adult Sunday School will return on September 8. DON'T FORGET there is opportunity for Adult Education on Wednesday Nights both in person and on zoom.



HIGHLAND'S LITTLE LIBRARY STORY TIME begins June 11th at 9:30am, and will run each week until August. Each week there will be stories, crafts, snacks and fun! All children through 5th grade are welcome. If you are willing to read a story or two please contact Gail Frank.

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

EDUCATION CONTINUED



We are going to be spending the summer, and some of the fall in the Gospel of Matthew. We are going to be using NT Wright's book: Matthew for Everyone. Books can be ordered on Amazon or through Pastor Nancy. The cost of the book is \$16 for the new 20th anniversary edition. Here is our schedule through July:

7/10 NO BIBLE STUDY

7/17 Session 2 5:00pm Harling's
6:30pm Bible Study Westminster

7/24 Session 3 5:15 pm fellowship and meal at Newport Family Restaurant
6:30pm Bible Study Highland

7/31 Session 4 5:00pm Harling's
6:30pm Bible Study Westminster



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HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in prayer our church members and our friends:



Colton Cook, Darlene Shaffer, Ellen White, Emily Reeser, Charles Ebling, Marjory Miller, David Miller, Bill Baker, Russell LaForce, James Bryan, Steve Wetzler, Carol Rhoades, Diana Landis, Barry Cornell, Jack Richard, Julia, Avon and Delroy Wagner, Eddi Kay Gill, Barb Koppenhaver, Glenn McNaight, Curtis Beatty, Mary Kleckner (Harry McNaight's mother), Jane Shirk, Emily, Joe Benner, Pastor Nancy's mother, Teedie Frankenbach, Darlene Adams, Curt Davys and John Peck.

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	



Distance Ministry

The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry offers the opportunities for worship and study via zoom each week. If there's a week you are ill, you are not physically able to leave your home...this ministry is for you! See all the links below.

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) (HIGHLAND)

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

Meeting ID: 619 915 621 Passcode: 129308

DISTANCE MINISTRY

WORSHIP LINK 9:30am Sunday Worship - (HIGHLAND)

<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://us02web.zoom.us/j/86533397349?pwd=MUE3M1BHVXQyRVhRUWRGZINRNGtiQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 3339 7349 Passcode: 920593

Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

EACH WEEK DVD'S AND CD'S ARE AVAILABLE FOR HIGHLAND SERVICE.

JVSM JULY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Mission (H)</i> 6:00	2 <i>Little Library</i> 9:30—11	3 NO BIBLE STUDY <i>Admin. (H) 3:00</i>	4	5	6
7 HUPC Coffee Hour following worship <i>HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W)</i> <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i> ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION (H)	8	9 <i>Little Library</i> 9:30—11	10 NO BIBLE STUDY	11 <i>Session (H) 6:00</i>	12	13
14 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	15	16 <i>Little Library</i> 9:30—11 <i>Bill McHenry 10-12 Warm Task Force Mtg.</i>	17 <i>Bible Study @ Harling's Meal @ 5:00 Mtg. @ WPC @ 6:30 Retired Teachers Luncheon 12:00</i>	18 <i>Jason Barlup's Celebration 5-7</i>	19	20
21 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	22	23 <i>Little Library</i> 9:30—11	24 <i>Bible Study @ Newport Family Rest. Meal @ 5:15 Mtg. @ HUPC @ 6:30</i>	25 <i>Session (W) 6:00</i>	26	27
28 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	29	30 <i>Little Library</i> 9:30—11	31 <i>Bible Study @ Harling's Meal @ 5:00 Mtg. @ WPC @ 6:30</i>			

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