

THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

DECEMBER 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR

I don't know about all of you, but I am feeling the busyness of this season. A lot of the busyness is really good stuff and fun. But there are times when even fun things add stress to our lives.

How does this square with the Advent season being a time of preparation and quiet? I am not unrealistic enough to think that people will stop doing all the things that go along with this season (cookies, gifts, cards, family, parties etc.) but I would like to suggest a way to maybe take A DEEP BREATH AND RECENTER in the midst of all of this.

Did you know that the decorations that fill our homes, churches and stores actually can remind us of the true meaning of the season? Over time some of that significance has been lost...but let me remind you.



Christmas tree...the evergreen reminds of the One who came and now lives forever.



Christmas lights....Jesus is described in John as the light of the world. The lights remind us of Him.



The star often placed on the top of the tree reminds of the star that led the magi to Bethlehem.



The gifts we give and buy at Christmas remind us that Jesus was the greatest gift ever given to humankind. The gift of God putting on human flesh, that we might see the heart and mind and will of God for ourselves.

In the midst of the busyness...as I look at all these things remember THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

Pastor Nancy

HIGHLAND UNITED



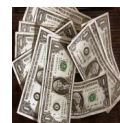
HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—AUGUST 2024

<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>
8/04/24	\$ 2,480.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,015.00
8/11/24	\$ 1,761.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,165.00
8/18/24	\$ 2,113.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,113.50
8/25/24	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,335.00
TOTALS	\$ 8,514.50	\$ 485.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,628.50

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.

August Mission CPYM—\$315.00

July Mission Newport Ambulance—\$310.00



HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—SEPTEMBER 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>
9/01/24	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,825.00
9/08/24	\$ 1,461.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,621.00
9/15/24	\$ 1,695.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 321.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,111.00
9/22/24	\$ 1,028.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,068.00
9/29/24	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,540.00
TOTALS	\$ 9,039.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 361.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,165.00

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.

September Mission Bethesda Mission—\$250.00

August Mission CPYM—\$315.00

DEACON NEWS

DEACON FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS:
LINDA BITTING

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED



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DEACONS

Linda Bitting

Elaine Buffington

Darlene Fitzpatrick

Lori Little

Ethel Mohler

Michelle Byers

Carol Kauffman

Wendy Brunner

Susan Robinson

Dec. 1	Beatrice Myers	16	David Patton
	Donald McClure	21	Blake Kinzer
4	Colby Little	24	Shirley Weibley
8	Dennis Tressler		Judy Landis
9	Max Kaufman	26	Lucas Little
	Megan Kauffman		
11	Linda Barlup		
12	Darla Page		
14	Laurie Zaring		

ANNIVERSARIES:	4	Christopher and Jeniffer Bates
	7	Kenneth and Margaret Bolton
	13	Patrick and Nichole McIntyre
	19	David and Marjory Miller
	24	William and Betty Baker
	27	James and Karen Turner



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP CONTINUES each Monday at Highland United. Morning session is from 9:30-11. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

COMING SOON: The Deacon's will be placing a prayer box in the Narthex starting in January for prayer requests. There will be prayer cards in the pews and beside the box. The Deacon of the Month will collect the prayers weekly so the Deacons can pray for your needs.

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

Dear Church Members & Friends,

The 2024 Annual Turkey Dinner was a huge success, serving approximately 1185 meals to our community. I am thankful to our church family members, non-members, and volunteers from our community and beyond who so graciously have given of their time and talents to help with this event. We had students from our church who took a day off of school to give us extra help, and even took charge of their stations! Their future looks bright! From 12 years old to age 91 – amazing people serving the Lord! To name everyone that helps with this dinner is almost impossible, but many hands do make less work!

Special thanks to the following:

Dave, Sherry, Bob, Tom & Lee – this crew starts as early as 5 am and helps me to the finish line - Giving of their time and talents not only for the turkey dinner, but for monthly dinners, funerals, and other special events. They even take charge when I get sick!

Elaine Buffington – who finds volunteers near and far to process the dinners for car delivery.

Elaine – your help and organization means a lot to me!

Butcher's Farm Market - for donations of sweet corn and sweet potatoes

Lon Barrick – donation of sweet corn

Bill McHenry – who spends all day in the “ticket booth” - without heat and lights

Anonymous donors of white potatoes, milk, and cash donations

As in the past, we will donate 10% of the profit. The Newport Fire Police, who handle all the cars during the turkey dinner, will be given 5% of the profit while the other 5% will be given to an unspecified organization. So, my friends, THANK YOU for your help and support. I could not do what I do without each of you.

God Bless! Kathy



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF DECEMBER... is also the first Sunday of Christmas. During worship that day (December 29) we will be having a very special service, as we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Music, readings, videos will fill our worship time as we continue to celebrate the arrival of Emmanuel! Plan to join us at 9:30!

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

Marie McNaught

TRUSTEES

Brett Satzler

Rachel Dowling

Jane Shirk

Mike Stoner

Petey Crater

Shelly Horning

Dec. Lector: Kit Parks

Dec. Counters: Diane Marshall and Mike Stoner

Dec. Closer: Mike Stoner

Dec. Ushers and Greeters: Jerry and Teagan Trout

Children's Activities for Dec. 1 Kit Parks and Michelle Parks **8** Rob and Polly Digon **15** Chrissy Campagna and Heather McClure **22** Gabe and Emily Book **29** Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler

Dec. Birthdays: **1** Donald McClure **12** Meghan Geedey **19** Maura Campagna **20** Petey Crater **25** Jill Steward **31** Lena Campagna

Dec. Anniversaries: **21** Aaron and Meghan Geedey **27** Joseph and Connie Benner

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



Please add the following dates to your calendar:
December 5 Trustees at 4:45 in the church office



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.



THE 2024 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA "A

New and Glorious Morn!" (celebrating the Light and Life of Christmas) by Lloyd Larson, will be held on Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Juniata County Food Pantry.

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY

MISSION



HIGHLAND'S MONTHLY MISSION: OUR DECEMBER MISSION IS: PERRY

HUMAN SERVICES: Perry Human Services began operating in 1974 to provide counseling, information and education, as well as drug-free alternative activities to area young people. Perry Human Services empowers individuals and families through personalized, evidence-based drug and alcohol counseling, promoting recovery and well-being in a supportive community.



WESTMINSTER'S MONTHLY MISSION FOR DECEMBER: PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD BANK NEEDS: TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS) TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), WHOLE CHICKENS, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, INSTANT POTATOES, BOXED STUFFING, TURKEY GRAVY, BOXED BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX.

A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

FELLOWSHIP

HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2025:



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Jan. 5	Linda Barlup and Alyssa Barlup	Feb. 2	Peg Bolton and Cathy Mathias
Mar. 2	Dana Bryan and Wilma Klingensmith	Apr. 6	Sharon Delancey and Sally Tengeres
May 4	Mary Horting and Darlene Adams	June 1	Carol Kauffman and Lori Little
July 6	Dixie Gordon and Darla Page	Aug. 3	Linda Sanderson and Kathy Sanderson
Sept. 7	Cecile Willet and Nancy Campbell	Oct. 5	Susan Robinson and Elaine Buffington
Nov. 2	Darlene Fitzpatrick and Nancy Sweger	Dec. 7	Janice Zaring and Jessica Bryson

IF THE MONTH DOESN'T WORK FOR YOU, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SWITCH WITH OTHERS AND PLEASE LET LINDA KNOW ALSO.

PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep in prayer our church members and our friends:

Colton Cook, Darlene Shaffer, Ellen White, Daniel Cox, Emily Reeser, Charles Ebling, Marjory Miller, David Miller, Bill Baker, Russell LaForce, James Bryan, Carol Rhoades, Diana Landis, Barry Cornell, Avon and Delroy Wagner, Barb Koppenhaver, Glenn McNaught, Curtis Beatty, Jane Shirk, Joe Benner, Pastor Nancy's mother, Teedie Frankenbach, John Peck, Ida McClure, Don McClure, Sr., Nancy Dolin, Lori Comp, Ulsh Family and Mike Stoner.

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**ADVENT 2024**

December 9th On-Line Bible Study 6:30 pm

December 14th Advent Bible Study 8:30 am Westminster

December 15th Advent III
9:30 am and 11:00 am Worship
Sermon: “Be Where Your Feet Are”

December 16th On-Line Bible Study 6:30 pm

December 21st Advent Bible Study 8:30 am Highland

December 22nd Advent IV
9:30 am and 11:00 am Worship
Sermon: “Living into the Future”
4:00-8:00 pm McClure Open House

December 24th “Living Christmas Well”
6:00 pm Worship at Highland
8:00 pm Worship at Westminster

December 29th Music, Readings and Video 9:30 am



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 DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom with Communion 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W)	2 COOKIE	3 MAKING	4	5	6	7 Set up for Cookie Sale
8 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom with Communion 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00 WINTERFEST 12-4	9 Grief Support Group 9:30-11 On—Line Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	10 Westmin- ster Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.	11	12 Session (H) 6:00 Blain/ Ickesburg Dinner 6:00	13	14 Bible Study @ Westminster @ 8:30 Neidigh Christmas Get-together 12:00—9:00
15 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00	16 Grief Support Group 9:30-11 On—Line Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20	21 Bible Study @ Highland @ 8:30 Richard Christmas Get-together 4:00—9:00
22 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00 MCCLURE OPEN HOUSE 4:00-8:00	23 Grief Support Group 9:30-11	24 Christmas Eve 6:00 (H)/ 8:00 (W)	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00	30 Grief Support Group 9:30-11	31 New Year's Eve				

Holiday to-do list

1. ~~BE~~ ~~Buy~~ Presents
2. ~~wrap~~ gifts ~~SOMEONE~~ IN A HUG!
3. ~~send~~ cards ~~love~~
4. ~~DONATE~~ ~~Shop~~ for food
5. ~~make~~ cookies PEACE
6. ~~Go~~ ~~see~~ lights ~~BE THE~~

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