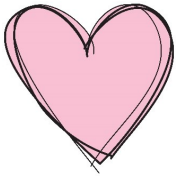


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From the Pastor's Heart

My head is swimming. Thanksgiving is bearing down on us and since it is so late this year, Advent comes right on its heels.

It's tempting to skip over Thanksgiving and jump right into Advent, but let's not. Yes, there is information in this newsletter about ADVENT, so you can mark your calendars and plan ahead. So please take note of all the cool things we've got planned this year.

But now, let's pause and ask ourselves what we are thankful for this year. I know it is tempting to rattle off the expected things, like family, health, friends. And while we ARE thankful for those things let's think a little deeper.

Are we thankful for GOD.....

who gave us His son?

who offers us strength when we seem to have none?

who gives us peace in the midst of anxiety and fear?

who offers us life with purpose and meaning?

Are we thankful that God has called us and used us to make a difference in our community and in the lives of those in need?

As we gather around tables laden with turkey, dressing, potatoes.....let us be thankful for God who has given us our families, our friends, our lives, and LET US GIVE GOD OUR HEARTS.

Give Thanks

Give thanks with grateful heart,

give thanks to the Holy One,

give thanks for He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Let the poor say I am rich, let the weak say I am strong.

GIVE THANKS.

Pastor Nancy

HIGHLAND UNITED



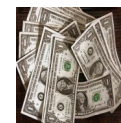
HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—AUGUST 2024

<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.
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September Mission Bethesda Mission—\$250.00

August Mission CPYM—\$315.00

DEACON NEWS

DEACON FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS:
WENDY BRUNNER

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED



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Janice Zaring

Jessica Bryson

James Turner

Michael Byers

Cecile Willet

Dennis Tressler

Robert Rolston

Pat Shutt

DEACONS

Linda Bitting

Elaine Buffington

Darlene Fitzpatrick

Lori Little

Ethel Mohler

Michelle Byers

Carol Kauffman

Wendy Brunner

Susan Robinson

Nov. 1	Jeri Hall	15	Max Mohler
	Carol Kauffman		Darlene Fitzpatrick
5	Thomas McHenry	16	Ashton McIntyre
6	David McHenry	20	Cassie Kauffman
8	William McHenry	21	Edward Baugh
9	Blaize Cook	22	Linda Bitting
10	Stuart McHenry	23	Christine Cooney
12	Darlene Shaffer	26	Eleanor Barlup
13	Trevor Wudtke		
14	Ethel Mohler		

ANNIVERSARIES:	8	Dennis and Lori Comp
	18	Christopher and Megan Kauffman
	19	Donald and Nancy McClue



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

DEACON'S UPCOMING NEWS: The results from our survey show that our church is a giving church! We will now be partnering with Join Hands and the Perry County Office of Aging to sponsor 20 Seniors for Christmas.

Starting in early November and going through December 1, we will have individual items and gift ideas for you to choose from our Angel Tree. We will shop, wrap and deliver a wonderful Christmas for these seniors. Keep your eyes open for the tree and more information in November.

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

Marie McNaught

TRUSTEES

Brett Satzler

Rachel Dowling

Jane Shirk

Mike Stoner

Petey Crater

Shelly Horning

Nov. Lector: Marie McNight

Nov. Counters: Diane Marshall and Shelly Horning

Nov. Closer: Shelly Horning

Children's Activities for Nov. 3 Chrissy Campagna and Heather McClure **10** Gabe and Emily Book **17** Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler **24** Meghan Geede

Nov. Birthdays: **8** David Doray **11** Destiny Trout **19** Bill Eichenberger **25** Michelle Parks, Rob Digon **27** Laney Dowling

Nov. Anniversaries: **5** Rob and Polly Digon **19** Don and Nancy McClure

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



THE DEACONS are again sponsoring a Harvest Home Project. We are asking for donations of food items from the congregation for Thanksgiving meals for the Food Pantry (the most needed items are listed in the Food Pantry announcement). Please have all donations to the church by **November 10th**. A member of the Deacons will take the donations to the Food Pantry on that Sunday to be distributed.



Please add the following dates to your calendar:
November 21 Session at 6:00 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.

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY

MISSION

HIGHLAND'S MISSION PROJECTS: The Mission Committee would like to thank all the people who helped and donated items for Octoberfest. We raised over \$2800.00. Job well done. \$500 of this is being sent to the hurricane victims in the south. Our next project is Winterfest, which take place on Sunday, December 8. This is a free meal, crafts for children to make, free gift wrapping, and of course our annual cookie sale. Remember this event is open to the public and everything is free. Cookie sale will be a donation. Speaking of cookie sale, we need donations of cookies brought to the church by Saturday, December 7. Anyone interested in helping us to make cookies we will be doing that on Monday, December 2 starting at 10:00 a.m.-Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 and 4 starting at 9:00 a.m. If we need more days we will let you know, but would greatly appreciate any kind of homemade cookies you could make. Thank you everyone for your generous support. Come join us for a fun time of baking.



HIGHLAND'S MONTHLY MISSION: OUR NOVEMBER MISSION IS: LITERACY COUNCIL



WESTMINSTER'S MONTHLY MISSION FOR NOVEMBER: PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD BANK NEEDS: HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS: (THESE ARE THE FOODS THAT ARE MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO OBTAIN) TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), WHOLE CHICKENS, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, INSTANT POTATOES, STUFFING, GRAVY, CRANBERRY SAUCE AND BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX. A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

THANK YOU TO WESTMINSTER

Thank you to Westminster Presbyterian Church for your generous donation to **Central Juniata Park Pool**. Your donation has helped with some long overdue maintenance expenses. The biggest struggle this summer was having enough life guards to cover all shifts. Students are active in so many activities, that the month of August has become a struggle every year to have enough personnel, so we can remain open. Any 15 year-olds (or older) that would like to take the life guard course for next summer, please call 717-436-6371. We plan on offering the course at the pool next summer. Sincerely, Shirley Hostler, Treasurer.

Thank you on behalf of the **Paul W. DeLauter Youth Center, Inc.**, I would like to thank Westminster Presbyterian Church for your recent donation on October 8, 2024. It will go a long way in support of our local youth activities. Thank you for sharing in our commitment to our youth, Sincerely, Bret Miller, Treasurer.

FELLOWSHIP



HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2024:

Dec. 1 Pat Gouthail and Nancy Campbell

HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2025:

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.

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

ADVENT 2024

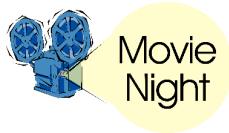


DECK THE HALLS....HIGHLAND UNITED AND WESTMINSTER

Both Highland United and Westminster will be decorating for Christmas on 11/24 following worship. Everyone is invited to stay and help make our churches shine as we celebrate the birth of the Christ!!!

December 1st Advent I 9:30am and 11:00am Worship
Sermon: "Bah Humbug"

4:30 p.m. Pizza and Movie Night



DECEMBER 1ST MOVIE NIGHT

The two shared ministry churches will be gathering at Highland for a viewing of the movie the Christmas Carol on December 1st at 4:30pm. We'll have pizza and salad as we watch the movie. Everyone coming is asked to bring a two-liter bottle of their favorite drink. **TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM WESTMINSTER FOR THOSE WANTING TO COME TO HIGHLAND.**

December 8th Advent II 9:30am and 11:00am Worship
Sermon: "Learning from the Past"

*sacrament of Communion at Highland

12-4pm Winterfest at Highland

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

December 22nd Advent IV 9:30am and 11:00am Worship
Sermon: "Living into the Future"

4:30-8pm McClure Open house

December 24th "Living Christmas Well"

6:00pm *Worship at Highland*

8:00pm *Worship at Westminster*

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

EDUCATION



FALL BIBLE STUDY WRAP UP

11/9 Harling's 8:30 11/16 Newport Family Restaurant 8:30



AN ADVENT ADVENTURE

We are trying something new this Advent! We are hoping to encourage more and more folks to participate in our weekly Bible study, so we will be offering TWO SESSIONS OF THE BIBLE STUDY.

One will continue in person on **Saturday mornings at 8:30am.**

A NEW ONE will take place mid-week via zoom only. The first of our zoom studies will take place on **Monday November 25th at 6:30pm.** After that session, the participants will decide whether to continue on Mondays or move to Wednesday nights (this schedule is due to Thanksgiving). The link for this Bible study will be the same one we have used on Saturday mornings.

Whether you join us in person or on-line we will be exploring the idea: "If Ebenezer Scrooge can be redeemed....so can we." We'll be looking at how the Christmas event changed Scrooge from a miserly, anger man to one who lived Christmas Every day.

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 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	



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 NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 NO BIBLE STUDY
3 HUPC Coffee Hour following worship <i>HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom</i> 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	4 <i>Grief Support Group 9:30-11</i>	5	6	7	8	9 Bible Study @ Harling's @ 8:30
10 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i> SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE—5:30—7:00	11 <i>Grief Support Group 9:30-11</i>	12 Deacon's Mtg. (H) 6:00	13	14 Session (H) 6:00	15	16 Bible Study @ Newport Family Restaurant @ 8:30 Troup Celebration 9-3
17 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	18 <i>Grief Support Group 9:30-11</i>	19	20	21 ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER Session (W) 6:00	22	23
24 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	25 <i>Grief Support Group 9:30-11</i> <i>Bible Study Zoom 6:30</i>	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30 Advent Bible Study in-person at Westminster at 8:30



MORE THAN A DAY

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around,
It brings up some facts, quite profound.

We may think that we're poor,
Feel like bums, insecure,

But in truth, our riches astound.

We have friends and family we love;
We have guidance from heaven above.

We have so much more
Than they sell in a store,
We're wealthy, when push comes to shove.

So add up your blessings, I say;
Make Thanksgiving last more than a day.

Enjoy what you've got;
Realize it's a lot,
And you'll make all your cares go away.

- Karl Fuchs

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