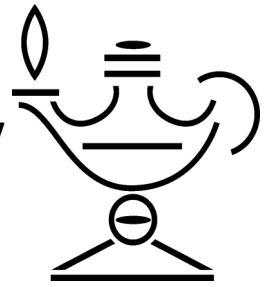


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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



Well, it's all over now. We move into the cold month of January and brace ourselves for the let down of post-Christmas. But as I reflect back on the last several weeks, I realize that if we take the lessons learned from our friend Ebenezer Scrooge, the hoopla of Christmas may be past, but the living of Christmas has just begun.

The story of Scrooge ends with the declaration that Scrooge lived Christmas well...every day. He became a better man, a better friend, a better boss....

On Christmas eve, the last question I posed was this; "Will it be said of us that we (at Highland and Westminster) lived Christmas well?"

Here's the test. What do we do now? God is here...moving among us. God is here....showing us what love is. God is here....what shall we do with that.

We catch our breath and then we get to work. How do we reach out into our communities during these winter months? How do we support those who are grieving? How do we shine the light that the darkness has not overcome.

COME ON!!!! Let's put our heads together! What are the possibilities?
*giving out a free meal on the square in Newport?

*collecting blankets or socks for Bethesda mission?

*another free dinner at Westminster?

*supporting the warming center in Perry County?

May it be said of us – that we lived Christmas well.

Pastor Nancy

HIGHLAND UNITED



HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—NOVEMBER 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>
11/03/24	\$ 2,255.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,615.00
11/10/24	\$ 3,617.25	\$ 90.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,827.25
11/17/24	\$ 2,681.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 533.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,454.00
11/24/24	\$ 1,721.48	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,796.48
TOTALS	\$10,274.73	\$ 575.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 533.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,692.73

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.

November Mission PERRY HUMAN SERVICES—\$310.00

October Mission Join Hands—\$70.00

DEACON NEWS

DEACON FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS:
MICHELLE BYERS

COMING SOON PRAYER BOX: 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.

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Rev. Nancy McClure

Clerk of Session

Patricia Shutt

Church Secretary

Linda Bitting

Church Treasurer

Kathy Smith



Jan .	2	Pam Adams
	5	Lindsay Brunner Anderson
	10	Robert Rolston
	12	Glenda Dillman
	15	Gwen Babski
	19	Jeff Mathias
	21	Russ LaForce
	25	Mary Horting (will be 95 years old)
		Dennis Comp
	26	Patricia Shutt
	27	James Myers
	29	Kim Drum
	30	Wilma Klingensmith

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

Financial Secretary

Geri Hal



ELDERS ON SESSION

Nancy Campbell
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

Anniversaries:

1	Robert and Nancy Campbell
25	Richard and Wendy Brunner



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

WESTMINSTER UNITED

Jan. Lector: Petey Crater

Jan. Counters: Diane Marshall

Children's Activities for Jan. 5 Meghan Geedey **12** Kit Parks and Michelle Parks
19 Rob and Polly Digon **26** Chrissy Campagna and Heather McClure

Jan. Birthdays: 13 Jeff Dowling **20** Judd Parks **25** Melanie Stoner **27** Terry Dolin
28 Gabriel Digon **30** Tyson Digon **31** Barbara Koppenhaver

Jan. Anniversaries: 21 Toby and Melanie Stoner

WESTMINSTER

3rd and Lemon Streets
Mifflintown, PA 17059

E-mail:

westminsterupc@gmail.com

Clerk of Session

Kit Parks

Church Secretary

Judy Armstrong

Church Treasurer

Mary Ann Willis

Sunday School

Superintendent

John Shirk



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

Sunday School Treasurer

Diane Marshall

ELDERS ON

SESSION

Aaron Geedey

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

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA WORLD HUNGER ASSOCIATION

The Central PA World Hunger Association will be having their 50th Annual Meat Canning Project at the Chief Logan Fire Company, Main Station, in Lewistown, PA on February 10-14, 2025.

We are planning to can 43,000 pounds of chicken this year, which will be 11,000 more than last year.

We work with MCC and use their mobile canner, and they direct where 90% of the meat goes worldwide. We pay all the production and shipping costs, and we distribute 10% of the meat in our five-county area. Please understand that we do not receive any financial help from MCC for our project, all monies come from our donations. So please direct all contributions for the project to the address below. Your donation is tax deductible, and we will give you our tax number upon request.

If you, your church, or group would like to take part in the actual canning of the meat this year, you must contact Jesse Diem, 717-348-9577, Sylvanus Peachey (canning coordinator), 717-935-2511 or Jonathan Coldren, 717-250-6840, as soon as possible. Our coordinators work to set an accurate schedule for those taking part in the project. If you are planning to be a walk-in, we urge you to call in for a time to help.

If you, your church, or business would be willing to supply food products or snacks to feed the workers, we need you to call our new contacts, Laura Litwiller 717-543-3419, Sylvia Diem 717-543-8784 (Text please), Elizabeth Peachey 717-935-7443. We appreciate your needed help to accomplish this important service.

We thank you for your help supporting this local mission project financially and spreading the good news about this canning project. Every year there is a greater need for this meat, both locally and worldwide. Please take this opportunity to help in God's work to feed the hungry. Donations should be sent to:

Central Pennsylvania World Hunger Association
P. O. Box 76
Belleville, PA 17004

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY

MISSION



HIGHLAND'S MONTHLY MISSION: OUR JANUARY MISSION IS: BETHESDA

MISSION: Bethesda Mission has been providing hope and healing to hurting and homeless people in the Harrisburg area since 1914. 2023 Statistics are as follows: *95 men were sheltered, *35 women were sheltered, *104,289 meals were served, *10,328 medical patient visits, *1,317 dental patient seen. *140 men and women enrolled in long-term recovery programs, *82 children and teens attending community center programs and *41 veterans stayed at the mission..

THANK YOU: The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in making cookies, who donated cookies, and all the beautiful hats, scarves, ear warmers, and mittens donated for Winterfest. A special thanks to Kathy and her crew for the wonderful lunch. Wasn't quite the turnout we were hoping for (so we need to tweak for next year), however we had wonderful responses from those in attendance thanking our church for everything we do for the community. With leftover cookies and hats we donated to Newport High School Varsity Club who make up over 50 holiday baskets for those in need. So it's a win win for us. Our mission is helping others. Also our Mission Committee has given over 20 homemade comfort blankets out this year and are working on making more. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Janice Zaring. These blankets are not just for Highland, they are given to people who need comfort.



WESTMINSTER'S MONTHLY MISSION FOR JANUARY: HELPING HANDS OF JUNIATA COUNTY.



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!

EDUCATION

2025 BIBLE STUDY - EXPLORING THE OLD TO FIND THE NEW.

On January 22nd we begin our new Bible study and we are diving into the Old Testament. Over the last several years we have focused largely on the New Testament and over and over again we find ourselves looking back into the Old Testament to understand something that is said or done in the New Testament.

So, we are starting in Genesis and working our way through the glorious message of the Old Testament. And not surprisingly it is the story of our God who loves us and reaches out to us over and over again and goes to extreme lengths to show us the way to His love.

JOIN US...we will be having an ON LINE ONLY...Study on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. And an IN-PERSON Study on Saturday mornings.

Pastor Nancy will need to get materials for this study, so please let her know if you plan on attending by 1/15/25.

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

FELLOWSHIP CONTINUED

HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2025:



HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR:

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, Ida McClure, McClure Family, Lori Comp, Ulsh Family, J. R. Bair, Gail and Joseph Frank and Donna Pontius.

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

THANK YOU'S FROM HIGHLAND

Dear Highland Family, Thank you for the cards you sent to Russ; he really enjoys them. Also thank you for the wonderful "goodie" package you sent us for Christmas. We'll be snacking on that for quite a while. Of course the homemade cookies disappeared first. May God bless you all with happiness, hope, and peace in 2025.

Love, Doris and Russ LaForce

I would like to thank EVERYONE for all acts of kindness shown to us during Tom's illness and since his passing. Thank you for the cards, food, visits, phone calls, and the many prayers. No words can express how grateful I am for the wonderful care given to us. What a blessing you all have been!

Love, Gayle Ulsh

THANK YOU'S FROM WESTMINSTER

My sincere thanks to Westminster Sunday School for the Christmas gift, and to the Deacons for the beautiful Poinsettia. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for the New Year.

Judy Armstrong

Thank you to the Deacons for the beautiful Poinsettia. I will enjoy it over the holidays!

Diane Marshall

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR NANCY

The words "Thank You" are written in a decorative, cursive script. "Thank" is in a light blue color and "You" is in a reddish-brown color. The letters are slightly overlapping and have a soft, flowing appearance.

Our family would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and prayers that came our way on the occasion of Don's Dad's death. And a huge thank you for all the Christmas gifts and cards we have received. Pastor Nancy, Don, Amber and Heather.



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 JANUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Years Day	2	3	4 Jeff Mattern Memorial Service 11-4
5 HUPC Coffee Hour HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom with 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00	6 Grief Support Group 9:30-11	7 Deacons (H) 6:00	8	9 Session (H) 6:00	10	11
12 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00	13 Grief Support Group 9:30-11	14	15	16	17	18
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