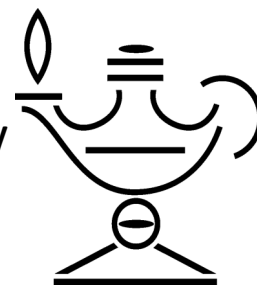


# THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

MARCH 2025

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Another Lenten Season is upon us. For many of us Presbyterians Lent is not something that we always paid attention to. In fact, it's only in the last 30 years or so, that the Presbyterian Church revived its understanding of the seasons of the church year.

I grew up Presbyterian, we never recognized Advent or Lent. When I first became a solo Pastor I remember folks saying to me 'how come I didn't know this before?' I usually answered, I don't know, but now you do.

Now you know, that the 40 days before Easter is a time of preparation for Easter. It is a time when we reflect on our own spiritual lives, we evaluate whether we are living as God would want us to. We commit ourselves to worship, learning and service to others.

As you read through the newsletter you will notice the many opportunities coming up for you to do all three. Now, I know that adding something more to your schedule may seem daunting...but try adding one special thing to this Lenten season. Instead of giving something up – add some time to study the Bible through Adult Sunday School or Bible Study. Take part in the outreach opportunities at both churches. Attend a special Lenten service, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday or a community service.

Use this time to draw closer to God – in these tumultuous times we need the peace and hope, that being close to God is all about.

**"Draw me close to You, never let me go I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend You are my desire, no one  
else will do 'Cause nothing else can take Your place To feel the  
warmth of Your embrace Help me find the way, bring me back to  
You."** Michael W. Smith

## HIGHLAND UNITED

### HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—DECEMBER 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>
12/01/24	\$ 1,079.33	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,254.33
12/08/24	\$ 3,159.33	\$ 305.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,591.33
12/15/24	\$ 1,480.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 987.00	\$ 31.50	\$ 2,538.50
12/22/24	\$ 2,936.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,148.00
12/29/24	<u>\$ 1,443.00</u>	<u>\$ 00.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,443.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,097.66</b>	<b>\$ 545.00</b>	<b>\$ 290.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,011.00</b>	<b>\$ 31.50</b>	<b>\$11,975.16</b>

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.

December Mission LITERACY COUNCIL—\$290.00

November Mission PERRY HUMAN SERVICES—\$310.00

### HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—JANUARY 2025

<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>
01/05/25	\$ 4,118.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 4,816.00
01/12/25	\$ 2,146.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 2,576.00
01/19/25	NO CHURCH—SNOW						
01/26/25	<u>\$ 2,794.14</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 35.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 170.20</u>	<u>\$ 3,099.34</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 9,058.14</b>	<b>\$ 715.00</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 533.00</b>	<b>\$ 488.20</b>	<b>\$ 10,491.34</b>

Per Capita Assessment for 2025 is for 124 members @ \$34.07/member-\$4,225.00.  
Total given to date for 2025 is \$488.20.

January Mission PERRY HUMAN SERVICES—\$230.00

December Mission LITERACY COUNCIL—\$290.00



**Mar.** 6 Jessica Barlup, David Miller  
11 Patrick McIntyre  
13 Nancy Campbell  
17 Brian Kauffman  
20 Ava Smith  
22 Landon Zaring, Dana Bryan  
28 Lexie Zaring

**Anniversaries:**  
8 Larry and Patricia Shutt  
15 Charles and Glenda Dillman

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

### HIGHLAND

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Linda Bitting

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#### 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



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

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE:** On behalf of our family, a heartfelt note of thanks for your prayers, love and support of Geoffrey and our family throughout the years of Geoff's life and most recent hospitalization. We are ever grateful for the joy and love shared, he so loved being a part of our church and the community at large. A celebration of life will be held on March 9 from 2:00—4:00 at Highland. All are welcome.

Warm Regards, The Drum Family

## DEACON

**DEACON FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH IS: MICKEY MOHLER**

**PRAYER BOX:** Prayer is an important part of Christian life. It is a way we communicate with God and Praise Him. Praying for the needs of ourselves and others is needed and beneficial in our church. The Deacons here at Highland United want to pray for you and your loved ones. A Prayer Box and cards have been placed in the Narthex for your use. Each week, the Deacon of the Month will check the box for prayer requests. Once a request is given, the Deacon of the Month will share the request with all the Deacons. The Deacons will then add this prayer to their daily prayers. We care about everyone in our church family and will pray for all people as Jesus asks in (1 Timothy 2:1).

**GRATITUDE:** Starting March 9th, the Deacons would like for all of us to show gratitude and share it with others. Studies show that gratitude can reduce anger, lower depression and improve overall mental health. The more we practice gratitude, the better we feel.

Before church, cards will be passed out or found in the pews for each of us to use, to write something we are grateful for to share. During Passing of the Peace, pass your gratitude card to another person. New cards will be available all throughout Lenten Season. Let's show each other all the great attributes we have here at Highland.

## WESTMINSTER UNITED

### WESTMINSTER

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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

#### Sunday School Secretary

Shelly Horning

#### Sunday School Treasurer

Diane Marshall

#### ELDERS ON

#### SESSION

Aaron Geedey

Diane Marshall

Kit Parks

Jody Satzler

Jan Manbeck

Rob Digon

Chris Fisher

Marie McNaught

#### TRUSTEES

Brett Satzler

Rachel Dowling

Jane Shirk

Mike Stoner

Petey Crater

Shelly Horning

Gabe Book

Mary Ann Willis

**Mar. Lector:** Derek Lentz

**Mar. Counters:** Diane Marshall, Kit Parks

**Mar. Ushers and Greeters:** Derek and Kerri Lentz

**Mar. Closer:** Kit Parks

**Children's Activities Mar. 2** Rob and Polly Digon **9** Crissy Campagna, Heather McClure **16** Gabe and Emily Book **23** Shelly Horning, Jody Satzler **30** Meghan Geedey

**Mar. Birthdays: 4** Amelia Book **13** Gabe Book **15** Mike Stoner **21** Harry McNaught **27** Cassett Trout **31** Sam Cook

**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:

March 6 Trustees at 4:45 in the church office

March 9 The Session has called a congregational meeting for March 9 following the worship service for the purpose of electing a ruling elder

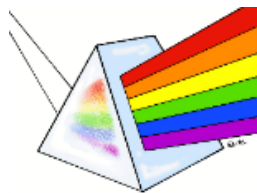
March 27 Session Meeting in Sunday School Room at 6:00 p.m.

## HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY



**WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING. SO WESTMINSTER IS OFFERING A FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER ON MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>** (snow date 3/18) for the community. All meals are takeout and completely free. The community outreach team needs **YOUR HELP** with set up, cooking, serving, greetings and baking cookies. If you are able to help please reach out to a member of the community outreach team.

## EDUCATION



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

There will be two opportunities each week for you to participate:

On-line only: all at 6:30pm via zoom.

3/5    3/12    3/19

In person studies will be on Saturday mornings at 8:30am

3/8 at Westminster    3/15 Highland    3/22 at Westminster

## **HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED**

### **THANK YOU FROM WESTMINSTER**

**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA WORLD HUNGER ASSOCIATION  
P. O. Box 76  
BELLEVILLE, PA 17004**

Westminster UP Sunday School  
c/o Diane Marshall  
105 North 5th Street, Apt. 202  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Dear Friends at Westminster UP Sunday School,

Thank you for your monetary donation to our congregation.

The Central Pennsylvania World Hunger Association will conduct its 50th meat canning project from February 10—14 at the Chief Logan Fire Company, in the building that was formerly East Derry Fire Company. As part of the 50th year anniversary milestone, we will be canning more than before at 20,000 pounds of chicken, and 20,000 pounds of pork. Of course, this extra amount of meat means extra expense, so we are again grateful for your kind contribution.

We thank you again for your financial support and prayers and would be glad to see you at the project if available next week.

Thank you for your contribution. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Louise I. Byer, Treasurer  
Central PA World Hunger Association

## HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

### MISSION



**FORTY DAYS, FORTY ITEMS...THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** The mission committee is challenging everyone at the start of Lent (March 5<sup>th</sup>) to take one article of clothing, shoes etc., that you are not using out of your closet. You will collect those items in a trash bag that will be provided to you – one item each day. At the end of Lent we will collect those bags and they will be donated to Community Aid and they will credit Join Hands of Perry County. It is a win-win. We provide used clothing to those who need it and support a local ministry. LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### MISSION



**WESTMINSTER'S MARCH MONTHLY MISSION IS: SHELTER SERVICES OF MIFFLIN AND JUNIATA COUNTIES.**



**JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD BANK NEEDS: ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS ESPECIALLY CANNED BEETS AND CEREAL, TOILET PAPER, PAPER PRODUCTS, AND CLEANING SUPPLIES. ALSO, CASH/CHECK DONATIONS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.**

**HIGHLAND'S MARCH MONTHLY MISSION IS: NEWPORT FIRE COMPANY:** Since 1925, the Newport Citizens Fire Company Number 1 has provided Newport and the surrounding townships with an ever increasing level of fire services. During the past century the company has occupied 3 fire halls, with each new building larger than the previous one to house additional and more sophisticated equipment.

**METAL RECYCLE DAY:** On April 5, 2025 it is Metal Recycle Day at Highland United Presbyterian Church. There will be a free breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. is free recycling. Items that will be accepted are as follows:

Air Conditioners—Auto Parts —Appliances —Plumbing Fixtures—Electric Wiring—Aluminum Cans—Lawn Furniture —Computers—Electronics—Dehumidifiers—Flat Screen TV (NO TUBE OR PROJECTION TV) .

**FIRST COME — FIRST SERVE — OR UNTIL TRUCK IS FILLED**



Lent is the season of preparation for Easter. The season of Lent calls us to inward reflection, study of God's word, worship and service. Our Lenten Schedule is packed with opportunities for you to do just that. Beginning with:

#### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

Our worship on Ash Wednesday will be an on-line only service at 6pm. It will entail time for contemplation, prayer and the reading of scripture. Please have a small bowl of oil, ashes or water available for this time.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/912154723?pwd=cH12eVJBVWMOazV4UOMzZINtdHEzUT09> IF YOU ARE USING A CELL OR LAND LINE: +1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 912 154 723 Password: 664159

At 6:30pm we will continue studying God's word during our on-line Bible study. It begins at 6:30 and will use the regular Bible study link.

**MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** – at both churches you'll see the liturgical colors change, Lenten wreaths ready to go and we will celebrate Holy Communion at 9:30 at Highland and 11 at Westminster.

#### SPECIAL LENTEN EVENTS:

Highland Mission: 40 days 40 items (see details in bulletin or newsletter)

Westminster Mission: March 11<sup>th</sup> free take out spaghetti dinner. (please look in bulletin for places you can help).

March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Night Live at Highland 5:30pm. Special Lenten ministry to folks in nursing homes.	
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Tea at Westminster – Pastor Nancy teaching	
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Westminster Hosting Lenten Community Service	7pm
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Nancy preaching at Messiah	7pm
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Night Live at Highland 5:30pm Completion of Lenten ministry to nursing homes.	
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday Worship at Westminster and on Zoom Simple meal and time of Fellowship Worship with communion	6pm 7pm
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday	9:00am Highland 11:00am Westminster

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Special Music

\*Throughout Lent, Bible study will continue on both Wednesdays and Saturdays except for 4/2 and 4/9 when on line and in person will combine on Saturday mornings due to special services.



## HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

### FELLOWSHIP CONTINUED

#### HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2025:

##### HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR:



Mar. 2	Dana Bryan and Wilma Klingensmith	Apr. 6	Sharon Delancey and Sally Tengeres
May 4	Mary Horting and Darlene	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, Avon and Delroy Wagner, Barb Koppenhaver, Glenn McNaught, Curtis Beatty, Jane Shirk, Joe Benner, Pastor Nancy's mother, Teedie Frankenbach, Ida McClure, Don McClure, Jr., Lori Comp, J. R. Bair, Zaring and Buffington Families 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	

### QUOTE

Entire water of the sea can't sink a ship unless it gets inside the ship.

Similarly negativity of the world can't put you down unless you allow it to get inside of you!



## 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 MARCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Bible Study @ Highland @ 8:30
2 HUPC Coffee Hour HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom with 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00	3 Grief Support Group 9:30-11	4 SAIL 10-11 Deacons (H) 6:00	5 On—Line Bible Study 6:30	6 SAIL 10-11 Trustees (W) 4:45	7	8 Bible Study @ Westminster @ 8:30
9 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00 <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT— COMMUNION</b>	10 Grief Support Group 9:30-11	11 SAIL 10-11 Spaghetti Dinner (W) 5:00—7:00	12 On—Line Bible Study 6:30	13 SAIL 10-11 Session (H) 6:00	14	15 Bible Study @ Highland @ 8:30
16 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00 <b>SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE 5:30-7:00</b>	17 Grief Support Group 9:30-11	18 SAIL 10-11	19 On—Line Bible Study 6:30	20 SAIL 10-11 Session (W) 6:00	21	22 Bible Study @ Westminster @ 8:30
23 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 8:30 SS (H) 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00 <b>ANNUAL MEET- ING @ HIGH- LAND</b>	24 Grief Support Group 9:30-11	25 SAIL 10-11	26 On—Line Bible Study 6:30  Community Tea @ Westminster	27 SAIL 10-11	28	29 Bible Study @ Highland @ 8:30
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