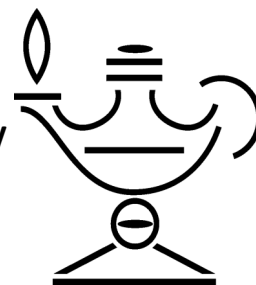


THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

JULY 2025

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From the Pastor's Heart

I always look forward to summer, I love warm weather. I love the beach. I love the slower pace.

There's something about being the church during the summer months. Things are a bit more relaxed, we can slow down and really be present in our times of worship, study and service.

Starting on July 13th we will be beginning a 6-week sermon series on the message of Jesus.

HOLD ON...DON'T ASSUME THIS IS GOING TO BE THE SAME OLD THING.

We start the series with the radical assumption that the heart of Jesus' message IS NOT LOVE. You heard me! It's not love. It's something else altogether and love is just part of the story.

So where does that leave us? I think after six weeks it leaves us with a deeper, more mature understanding of what our faith is all about. Yes, it is about love, but it's about more than that too.

Of course, other things are going on in the ministry of our churches. Bible study continues both Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. This will offer the opportunity to look even deeper into the message of Jesus.

At Highland our annual story time for the community is back in full swing and we've had a good turn of folks coming together and enjoying stories, crafts and fun.

Westminster continues to be intentional in working toward feeding the community through our blessings box, involvement with the backpack program at the Food Pantry and more.


As we move into July 4th, we celebrate freedom. The freedom that we have in this country, but even more so the freedom we find in Christ. John 8 tells us that as Christ-followers we have been set free!

Set free from guilt, regret and sin. Set free to love, to heal to serve!

"My Chains are gone I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And Like a flood his mercy reigns. Unending love...amazing grace.

HIGHLAND UNITED

HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—APRIL 2025

Date	G. Fund	B. Fund	Mission	Adult SS	K. Ministry	Per Capita	 Total
04/06/25	\$ 3,910.00	\$ 415.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,565.00
04/13/25	\$ 2,182.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,272.00
04/20/25	\$ 1,711.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 912.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,623.00
04/27/25	\$ 775.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 835.00
TOTALS	\$ 8,578.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 912.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,295.00

Per Capita Assessment for 2025 is for 124 members @ \$34.07/member-\$4,225.00.

Total given to date for 2025 is \$1,038.70

April Mission NEWPORT FIRE COMPANY—\$370.00

March Mission CAMP KRISLUND—\$240.00

HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—MAY 2025

Date	G. Fund	B. Fund	Mission	Adult SS	K. Ministry	Per Capita	Total
05/04/25	\$ 2,488.69	\$ 190.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,771.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,564.69
05/11/25	\$ 2,064.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,269.00
05/18/25	\$ 2,136.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,261.00
05/25/25	\$ 3,358.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,893.00
TOTALS	\$10,046.69	\$ 725.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,771.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,987.69

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May Mission LINDA'S HOUSE—\$445.00

April Mission NEWPORT FIRE COMPANY—\$370.00



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP CONTINUES each Monday at Highland United. Morning session is from 9:30-11. There will be an evening meeting the last Wednesday of each month from 5:30—7:00. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

GREETERS//USHERS ARE BACK!!!! The Worship and Music Committee received approval to restart having a Greeter/Usher for our worship services. We would like two people to handle one month at a time. We are looking for volunteers, for the rest of the year, to take on this task. We will be asking for your help, or if you would like to volunteer, please let Pastor Nancy or any member of the committee know if you are interested. The current committee members are Nancy Campbell, Pat Shutt, Dave Patton, Cecile Willet and Wendy Brunner. **WE NEED USHERS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.** Thank you.

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

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DEACONS

Linda Bitting

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Lori Little

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Michelle Byers

Carol Kauffman

Wendy Brunner

Susan Robinson

DEACONS

DEACON FOR THE MONTH OF JULY IS: MELISSA NEIDIGH

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).



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



LITTLE LIBRARY STORY TIME: Come join the fun! Everybody's welcome! Tuesday June 24 at 9:30 A.M. through Aug. 12th at 9:30 A.M. We will be reading books, having snacks, doing crafts, and of course there's the playground. You can borrow books from the Little Library. Hope to see you then.



JULY 20TH at Bob and Nancy Campbell's house. All young people are invited. The party will run from 5-7pm. Please let Pastor Nancy know you plan on coming by July 15th..

WESTMINSTER UNITED

WESTMINSTER

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Aaron Geedey

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Kit Parks

Jody Satzler

Jan Manbeck

Rob Digon

Chris Fisher

Marie McNaught

Pat Brown

TRUSTEES

Brett Satzler

Rachel Dowling

Jane Shirk

Mike Stoner

Petey Crater

Shelly Horning

Gabe Book

July Lector: Derek Lentz

July Counters: Diane Marshall, Marie McNaught

July Closer:: Marie McNaught

July Birthdays: 3 Eileen Cook 5 Bret Satzler 9 Jan Manbeck 13 Jessica Heimbach
20 Tristan Digon 25 Emily Book 26 Drew Geedey, Jackie Wilt

July Anniversaries:: NONE



ACTIVITIES BAGS for children are available at the back of the sanctuary. During the summer we are inviting all ages to participate in worship in the sanctuary. Each week at least one of the activities in the bag will go along with the theme of the service. Children's ministry will resume after Labor Day. Parents are always welcome to use our children's Sunday School space if some wiggle time is needed.



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:

Congregational Meeting July 13

Session Meeting August 28

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY

MISSION



WESTMINSTER'S JULY MONTHLY MISSION IS: JUNIATA COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING, SHOES AND LUNCH BAG PROGRAM.



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS: PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, CLEANING SUPPLIES, PAPER PRODUCTS, SUMMER BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM; SINGLE-SERVE MEALS, JELLO CUPS, AND NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING. WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FOR GROCERY AND DISCOUNT STORES.

HIGHLAND'S JULY MONTHLY MISSION IS: NEWPORT AMBULANCE LEAGUE There may come a time in your life when you will need to call 911 for the ambulance to assist you in a medical emergency. They provide emergency medical transport services. This is a vital mission that supports the well-being of our community.

QUOTES

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life.

HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

EDUCATION



On- line Bible Study	July 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30, August 6 th , 13 th	6:30pm
In – person Bible Study:	July 12 th Shine, Liverpool PA	8:30am
	July 19 th Harling's Mifflin, PA	8:30am
	July 26 th Newport Family Restaurant	8:30am
	August 2 nd Harling's	8:30am
	August 9 th Shine	8:30am
	August 16 th Harling's	8:30am

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

FELLOWSHIP

HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2025:

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July 6 Dixie Gordon and Darla Page

Sept. 7 Cecile Willet and Linda Bitting

Nov. 2 Darlene Fitzpatrick and Nancy Sweger

Aug. 3 Linda Sanderson and Kathy Sanderson

Oct. 5 Susan Robinson and Elaine Buffington

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, Pastor Nancy's mother, Teedie Frankenbach, Ida McClure, Don McClure, Jr., Lori Comp, J. R. Bair, Donna Pontius, Arlene Harren,, Derek and Kerri Lentz, Sharon Heller, and Wyatt Shellenberger.



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=MUE3M1BHVXQyRVhRUWRGZlNRNGtiQT09>

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

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Little Li- brary 9:30- 10:30	2 On-Line Bible Study 6:30	3	4	5
6 JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AT WEST- MINSTER AT 10:00 A.M.	7 Grief Support Group 9:30-11	8 Little Li- brary 9:30- 10:30	9 On-Line Bible Study 6:30	10 Session (H) 6:00	11	12 Bible Study @ Shine at 8:30
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