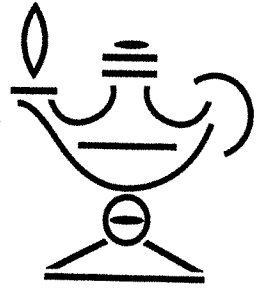


# THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

OCTOBER 2025

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

There are a lot of things I love about being a Pastor. One of those things, without a doubt, is teaching Bible Study. Our theme for this past week was "God's love prevails."

There is so much going on in personal lives, the life our nation and our world, that tries to stomp out hope. Yet, over and over again, we celebrate the reality that God has the final word. His word is hope, it is life, it is love.

Here are some the wonderful words of hope that filled our hearts as we read them.

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1.9

"Do not fear I am with you. Do not be afraid I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my right hand." Isaiah 41.10

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, FOR THOU ART WITH ME." Psalm 23

"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES, God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Lamentations 3:21-22.


HOPE GIVES US COURAGE TO CONFRONT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES and the capacity to surmount them.

Our hope comes from God...it's a hope not of avoiding hard times...it is the hope that grows out of knowing that God is with us. It is the hope that God will work through us to bring hope to others. It is the hope that the day will come when there will be no more crying, no dying...for all these things have passed away.

**THIS IS OUR HOPE.**

## HIGHLAND UNITED

### HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—JULY 2025



| <u>Date</u> | <u>G. Fund</u> | <u>B. Fund</u> | <u>Mission</u> | <u>K. Ministry</u> | <u>Capita</u> | <u>Totals</u> | <u>Extra</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 07/06/25    | \$ 490.00      | \$ 0.00        | \$ 0.00        | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00       | \$ 490.00     | 0.00         | \$ 490.00    |
| 07/13/25    | \$ 3,285.00    | \$ 200.00      | \$ 225.00      | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00       | \$ 3,710.00   | \$ 1,210.00  | \$ 4,920.00  |
| 07/20/25    | \$ 3,680.00    | \$ 1,500.00    | \$ 105.00      | \$ 850.00          | \$ 34.07      | \$ 6,169.07   | \$ 125.00    | \$ 6,294.07  |
| 07/27/25    | \$ 1,395.00    | \$ 85.00       | \$ 35.00       | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00       | \$ 1,515.00   | \$ 193.00    | \$ 1,708.00  |
| TOTALS      | \$ 8,850.00    | \$ 1,785.00    | \$ 365.00      | \$ 850.00          | \$ 34.07      | \$11,884.07   | \$ 1,528.00  | \$ 13,412.07 |

Per Capita Assessment for 2025 is for 124 members @ \$34.07/member-\$4,225.00.  
Total given to date for 2025 is \$1,147.77

July Mission DEACONS—\$365.00

June Mission CPYM—\$470.00

### HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—AUGUST 2025

| <u>Date</u> | <u>G. Fund</u> | <u>B. Fund</u> | <u>Mission</u> | <u>K. Ministry</u> | <u>Per Capita</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 08/03/25    | \$ 2,920.00    | \$ 210.00      | \$ 85.00       | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00           | \$ 3,215.00   |
| 08/10/25    | \$ 5,640.08    | \$ 125.00      | \$ 25.00       | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00           | \$ 5,790.08   |
| 08/17/25    | \$ 2,310.00    | \$ 120.00      | \$ 90.00       | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00           | \$ 2,520.00   |
| 08/24/25    | \$ 3,830.00    | \$ 50.00       | \$ 10.00       | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00           | \$ 3,890.00   |
| 08/31/25    | \$ 995.00      | \$ 110.00      | \$ 110.00      | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00           | \$ 1,175.00   |
| TOTALS      | \$ 15,655.08   | \$ 615.00      | \$ 320.00      | \$ 0.00            | \$ 0.00           | \$ 16,590.08  |

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August Mission NEWPORT AMBULANCE—\$320.00

July Mission DEACONS—\$365.00



**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!!**

**USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.**



**ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH....**

On October 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Live is going on a hayride. We will gather at the Smith farm for hot dogs, s'mores, bon fire and a hayride. Please plan to join us starting at 5:30pm. If you need a ride we will meet in the church parking lot at 5pm. PLEASE RSVP by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

### HIGHLAND

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Newport, PA 17074

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Rev. Nancy McClure

#### Clerk of Session

Patricia Shutt

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Linda Bitting

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Nancy Campbell

Jessica Bryson

Michael Byers

Cecile Willet

Dennis Tressler

Robert Rolston

Pat Shutt

Kathy Smith

Patrick McIntyre

#### DEACONS

Elaine Buffington

Lori Little

Michelle Byers

Carol Kauffman

Wendy Brunner

Susan Robinson

Melissa Neidigh

Sharon Delancey

Geri Hall

Serving Carlisle Presby.

Bill McHenry

Commission on Ministry

Dennis Tressler

Com. On Prep for Ministry

James Turner

Permanent Judicial Com.

## DEACONS

### THE DEACON FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS:

**SUSAN ROBINSON**

**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).

**KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN:** The Deacons have signed us up for sponsoring 30 senior citizens for Christmas this year. We will get the names from Join Hands by mid November. It is our goal to make sure you have plenty of shopping time before the items need to be returned by Dec. 4th. Keep a lookout for the angel tree and a more detailed timeframe in the bulletin as the time approaches. Let's make Christmas special again for some awesome seniors.



| Oct. |                   |    | Anniversaries              |
|------|-------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 4    | Amber McClure     |    |                            |
| 5    | Josalyn Cook      |    |                            |
| 9    | Sally Tengeres    | 9  | Paul and Betty Richard     |
| 11   | James Turner      | 14 | Park and Dorothy Crouse    |
|      | Marjory Miller    | 21 | Michael and Michelle Byers |
| 13   | Emma Pascoe       | 22 | Scott and Dottie Wright    |
| 15   | Brynlee Kauffman  |    |                            |
| 18   | Colton Cook       |    |                            |
|      | Elizabeth Harren  |    |                            |
| 22   | Maxwell Pascoe    |    |                            |
| 24   | Joyce Heintzelman |    |                            |
| 29   | Dottie Wright     |    |                            |
| 30   | Jett Bryson       |    |                            |

## WESTMINSTER UNITED

### WESTMINSTER

3rd and Lemon Streets

Mifflintown, PA 17059

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#### 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

Pat Brown

#### TRUSTEES

Brett Satzler

Rachel Dowling

Jane Shirk

Mike Stoner

Petey Crater

Shelly Horning

Gabe Book

**Oct. Lector:** Gabe Book

**Oct. Counter:** Shelly Horning

**Oct. Closer:** Shelly Horning

**Oct. Birthdays:** 2 Kathy Brown 4 Amber McClure 8 John Shirk 10 Toby Stoner 12 Jane Shirk 18 Nora Book 30 Polly Digon 31 Rachel Dowling

**Oct. Anniversaries:** 23 Jerry and Destiny Trout 29 Jeff and Rachel Dowling

**Children's Activities** for Oct. 5 Crissy Campagna 12 Jody Satzler and Shelly Horning 19 Gabe Book 26 Michelle Parks and Kit Parks



### Starting October 5<sup>th</sup>, Westminster's Children's Ministry during worship looks new!

We are so grateful for our Children's Ministry team who over the years have taught our children during worship. Many of the children we started with several years ago are not older, so we have revamped the ministry to our children.

1. Children over 6 will remain in the sanctuary for worship. Activity bags are available for them in the back of the sanctuary. We celebrate our children being part of our worship.

2. On any given Sunday if we have children under the age of 6, one of our children's ministry team will take them back to the Sunday School room for a lesson and a time of Bible focused learning.

3. If you have a child over 6 that is not yet ready to remain in worship the entire time, please reach out to one of our team members (Chrissy, Gabe, Kit, Michelle, Rob, Jody, Shelly).



**WESTMINSTER IS HOLDING A FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY** on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You can help by sorting clothes and passing out flyers. See any member of the Community Outreach Team (Shelly, Jody, Pat, Jill, Petey, Crissy) for details.

## WESTMINSTER UNITED CONTINUED

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 2 4:45 p.m. Trustees in church office

October 23 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

### HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY



#### WESTMINSTER CARAMEL PROJECT 2025

##### IMPORTANT DATES:

Cooking: 10/24 and 10/31      Scoring: 10/25 and 11/01      Cutting 10/26 and 11/02

Wrapping: 10/27 and 11/03 and as needed

##### PLACE ORDERS: NOW!!

\$14.00 per 1 pound box

\$8.00 per ½ pound box

\*\*place orders by contacting Kit Parks 717-503-1371

### THANK YOU'S FROM WESTMINSTER



**Dear Westminster....**Thank you so much for the monetary gift sent from the Carrie & Danielle Fund! Your kindness and generosity means the world to us. Most importantly, thank you for your prayers. Our baby Claire is growing bigger and stronger each day. We can't wait to someday tell her about all of the love and support we received when she was born! Again, thank you!

Love, Steven, Jessica & Claire Heimbach



**Westminster Family....**Thank you so much for the prayers and well wishes for Enslee. We appreciate the money that was sent for her ongoing medical expenses. She continues to get stronger each day. Enslee will continue to receive physical therapy once a week and will work with an Early Interventionist throughout the rest of the year. We will watch her progress to make sure she continues improving.

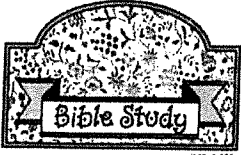
Thank you, Joshua, Taylor, & Enslee Shuman



for all the snacks. We appreciate it!

Juniata County 911/EMA

## HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED



### JVSM's Bible Study Continues!

The weekly Bible Study which many of us have been enjoying under Pastor Nancy's tutelage will continue, albeit not as informatively. We will continue the practice of one weekday evening online, and Saturday in person switching between Perry and Juniata Counties.

ADVENT begins November 30! That's less than 2 months away and we'll want to start that last week of November. We're going to use the book "Light of the World" by Amy-Jill Levine. Dr. Levine is an author, professor, and Biblical scholar.

I want to ask for all who are interested, which night of the week best suits for online study? We have been doing Wednesdays, but had a very good turnout last Advent on Mondays. So... The link below will take you to a SurveyMonkey. This will help us select the evening that works best for the majority of folks.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6XP36HT>

If you can't access the poll, let Bill McHenry know which nights work best for you...

## 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  |                   |

**SAVE THE DATE:** October 19th following our Worship Service we will be honoring Pastor Nancy's retirement with a luncheon. Retirement cards from individuals are welcome.

## HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

### MISSION



**WESTMINSTER'S OCTOBER MONTHLY MISSION IS: CARRIE/DANIELLE FUND** which offers financial support to families with sick children.

**HIGHLAND'S MONTHLY MISSION FOR OCTOBER IS: PERRY COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL:** The Literacy Council has been providing free educational resources and training to Perry County residents for over 30 years. They start by meeting people where they are. They work with learners to identify barriers that keep them from moving forward on the path to self-sufficiency through appropriate support service. Services provided: Adult Basic Education, GED and HiSET Exams, Tax Preparation, ESL Classes and Connecting with necessary resources to remove barriers.

**MISSION MEETING:** There will be a Mission Meeting immediately following worship service on Sunday, November 2

**SOCKS, HATS AND SCARVES:** Mission is still asking for donations of new socks (any size), home-made hats and scarves for our annual Christmas giveaway. Assuming we receive enough donations we are planning on giving these away at Newport's annual tree lighting ceremony and Greenwood's kick off at the Christmas at the community park.



**JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5LBS.), CANNED SWEET POTATOES, INSTANT POTATOES, STUFFING, GRAVY, CRANBERRY SAUCE, AND BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX, OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!**

## HEADLINES IN THE SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

### FELLOWSHIP



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

##### HIGHLAND'S COFFEE HOUR:

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.**



#### FALL BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE:

Our fall Bible Study will be focusing on a variety of burning questions. This week: Does the Bible really say: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves.

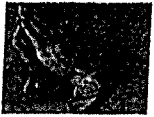
##### SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY BIBLE STUDIES all at 8:30am

10/4 Liverpool Diner  
10/11 Harling's  
10/18 Shine in Liverpool  
10/25 Harling's



## FELLOWSHIP CONTINUED

### PRAYER CONCERNS



**Please keep in prayer our church members and our friends:**

Colton Cook, Darlene Shaffer, Ellen White, Marjory Miller, David Miller. Bill Baker, James Bryan, Avon and Delroy Wagner, Barb Koppenhaver, Curtis Beatty, Jane Shirk, Pastor Nancy's mother, Teedie Frankenbach, Ida McClure, Elizabeth Harren,, Derek and Kerri Lentz, Sharon Heller, Wyatt Shellenberger, Josslyn Geedey, Liam Drolsbaugh and JR Bair Family.

### QUOTES

Where there is Faith, there is Love  
Where there is Love, there is Peace  
Where there is Peace, there is God

**Highland United Presbyterian Church  
Presents**

**FALL FARMER'S MARKET 2025**

**Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
11 Church Road, Newport, PA**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**20+ Local Artisans and Direct Sales Consultants:**

Wood crafts, sensory crafts, hair accessories, whisky bottle lamps, books, crocheted items, pottery, metal crafts, candles, soaps and bath bombs, honey and honey products, holiday decorations, pet treats, paintings, pottery, jewelry, Color Street, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple and more

**Pumpkins will be available for purchase, supplied by Butcher's Farm Market.**

**Food - Eat in our picnic area or take it with you:**

Homemade Soups (vegetable, noodle, chicken corn, stuffed pepper, ham bean, chili) - Buffalo Chicken Mac & Cheese - BBQ - Homemade Baked Goods - Milkshakes - Deimler's Food Truck

**Drawings - Earn a ticket to enter for one of three drawings with any purchase:**

- ❖ Blackstone Grill donated by Heller's Hardware
- ❖ Handmade Quilt donated by Lee Kraft
- ❖ Tackle Box donated by Longhorn Family Campground

**Get your picture taken  
with the  
Newport  
Buffalo!!!**





## 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=WHRrRDRETUVVvb1YvdDdFa2xDaW91QT09>

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=NFN3ZzRPSWRGM2ZpVmhhqWFRWWkdKUT09>

Meeting ID: 619 915 621    Passcode: 129308

### DISTANCE MINISTRY

#### WORSHIP LINK 9:00 a.m. 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)

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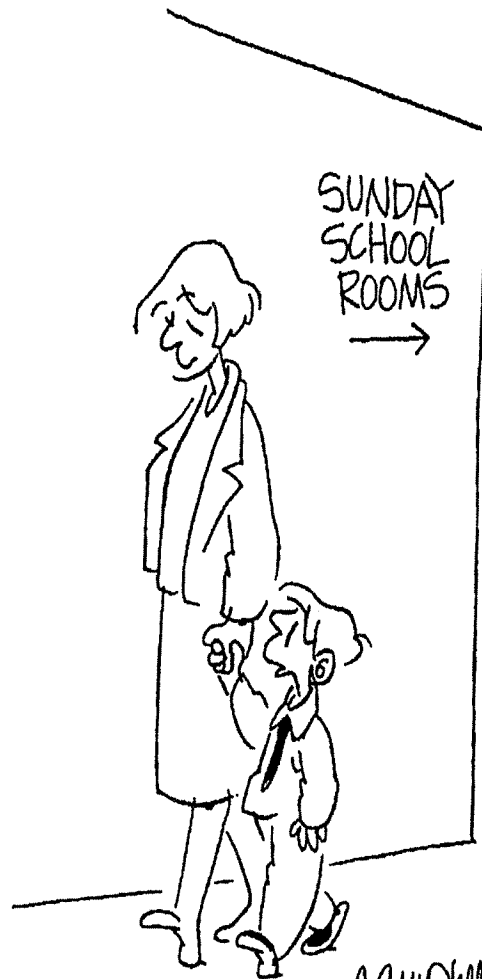
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Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

**EACH WEEK DVD'S AND CD'S ARE AVAILABLE FOR HIGHLAND SERVICE.**

## JVSM OCTOBER CALENDAR

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                | Wed                              | Thu                                    | Fri | Sat  |
|--|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----|--|
|  |   |                    | 1 On-Line Bible Study 6:30       | 2 SAIL 10-11                           | 3   | 4 Bible Study<br>Liverpool Diner<br>8:30             |
| 5 HUPC Coffee Hour following Worship<br>Worship 9:00 and Zoom<br>WUPC Worship 11:00                                    | 6 Grief Support Group 9:30-11                           | 7 Session (H) 5:00 | 8 On-Line Bible Study 6:30       | 9 Janice using kitchen for Octoberfest | 10  | 11 Bible Study @ Harling's @ 8:30<br>Octoberfest 9-2 |
| 12 HUPC Worship 9:00 and Zoom<br>WUPC Worship 11:00<br>Shuman Baptism<br><b>SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE 5:30—7:00</b>            | 13 Grief Support Group 9:30-11<br><br>Admin (H) 10:00am | 14                 | 15 On-Line Bible Study 6:30      | 16                                     | 17  | 18 Bible Study @ Shine @ 8:30                        |
| 19 HUPC Worship 9:00 and Zoom<br>WUPC Worship 11:00<br><br><b>PASTOR NANCY'S RETIREMENT LUNCHEON FOLLOWING WORSHIP</b> | 20 Grief Support Group 9:30-11                          | 21                 | 22 On-Line Bible Study 6:30      | 23                                     | 24  | 25 Bible Study @ Harling's @ 8:30                    |
| 26 HUPC Worship 9:00 and Zoom<br>WUPC Worship 11:00  | 27 Grief Support Group 9:30-11                          | 28                 | 29 Grief Support Group 5:30—7:00 | 30                                     | 31  |  |



"I just spent 40 years in the desert  
with Moses. Can we get a cold drink?"

