



THE LAMP

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Greetings,

My husband and I have been married for 35 years, and we dated for 7 years prior to our marriage. To say the least, St. Valentine's Day is not the romantic day that it was for us back in the mid-1980s. Back then, St. Valentine's Day was special! My memories include cards, flowers, dinners out, and that warm fuzzy feeling of being newly in love.

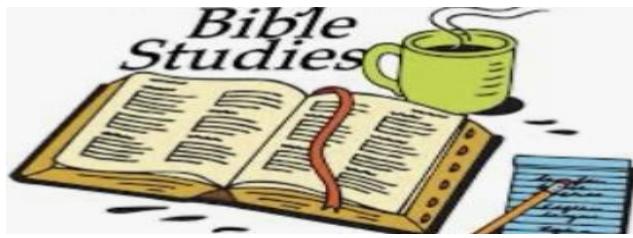
Then, came the 1990s with two little boys, jobs, and my long commute each day. We were glad just to get everyone dressed, fed, bathed, and in bed no matter what day it was... even if it was St. Valentine's Day. The same was true in the 2000s and 2010s. Although we didn't have to dress or bathe anyone any longer, we had the kids' sports and school activities and later all our job schedules to contend with every day. As I recall, those St. Valentine's Days consisted of a murmured, "Happy Valentine's Day" and a card to celebrate the holiday.

Now we find ourselves in our retirement years with an empty nest that luckily is frequently filled with our grandchildren whom I try to make the holiday special for with candy and decorations. However, Roger and I still seem to murmur, "Happy Valentine's Day" and maybe exchange cards or candy.

Does this low-key celebration mean that we are not still in love? Absolutely not! I think we have evolved in our relationship and realize that every day is St. Valentine's Day. We don't need cards, flowers, and candy to show our appreciation and love for each other. Instead, I cook him a meal each day, make sure he has his medications, and help him with understanding modern technology while he handles plumbing issues, maintains the cars, and mows the grass. Each of these small jobs say, "I Love You" and "Happy Valentine's Day" each and every day. Now, do I still appreciate my Valentine's Day Card? ... ABSOLUTELY ... But I also appreciate those little every day, "I Love You's" even more.

As we celebrate St. Valentine's Day this year remember that all love originates from God. When we get into the rut of managing our busy every day lives and feel like we are just going through the motions of our faith... let's remember that God still has that warm fuzzy newly in love feeling for us! And, no matter if we are 10, 30, 60 or 80, God's love for us shines as brightly as our most special St. Valentine's Day memory.

Happy St. Valentine's Day
Kit Parks
Clerk of Session
Westminster



LENT BIBLE STUDY

Our Lent Bible Study will be a brand new Adam Hamilton Study.
Why Did Jesus Have to Die? The Meaning of the Crucifixion

There is STILL TIME to order a book and participate in the full Bible Study!

Monday evening Zoom, and Saturday Morning in person **beginning February 16th** This is a great time for folks who have never joined Bible Study to come and see what this is all about.

Any Questions - Reach out to Bill

February 16 - Via Zoom at 6:30 pm

February 21 - Starting at 9 am (so arrive and order early) at Harling's in Mifflin

February 23 - Via Zoom 6:30 pm

February 28 - Starting at 9 am (order earlier) at Shine in Liverpool

Deacons

Super Bowl Sunday February 8th,

The Deacons would like everyone to wear a jersey (or shirt) from your favorite sports team. It's Super Bowl Sunday! The Deacons will be your greeters and have snacks and water for you to have in church. Come enjoy a fun-filled event!

Lent begins on **February 18th** with Ash Wednesday. The Deacons have a kindness calendar to pass out on Sunday, **February 15 and Sunday, February 22nd**. There will also be extras with Linda in the office. Each day, you pick a square to complete the task (the best you can). Once completed, cross out the square. Everyone that participates will receive a gift on Easter Sunday. Also, if you complete the whole calendar, make sure to turn it in to Linda in the office. We will draw a name from those submitted for a prize. Don't forget to put your name on your calendar.

Mission

Mark your calendar, the Mission Committee is having their Annual Indoor Yard Sale

Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th, 2026

Anyone wishing to donate items, may do so by putting them in the last Sunday School Room on the right OR you may bring items the week of the yard sale, but they must be here by Thursday, April 9th. NO ELECTRONIC ITEMS PLEASE. ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN

All items remaining, after the sale is over, will be donated to Community Aid, Selinsgrove.

Credit for these donated items go to Join Hands, New Bloomfield.

This is a win, win for both of us.

Remember we always need help the week of AND the sale day

BIG BIG NEWS —

Mission is taking on a new, very rewarding project, but we need everyone's help.

We are working with Homeland Hospice to make meals for those under the care of hospice. If you have ever had a loved one or friend under hospice care, you know how hard it is to take care of them both physically and mentally. By making meals for both the patient and caregiver, we are trying to help them by making life a little easier, so they can spend valuable time with their loved ones. There are certain regulations that we must follow.

All dinners must be put in an 8" x 8" aluminum pan, baked, then covered with aluminum foil, placed in a one-gallon freezer bag. On the paper provided, you must print the name of the dish, list the ingredients and rewarming directions.

All soups must be in a 32 ounce plastic soup container with lids. Here again, print the name of the soup, list the ingredients and rewarming directions.

Your Mission Committee has already bought the required containers, for anyone interested in helping make meals and soups. The committee has also bought a freezer that will hold all these homemade meals and soups, until arrangements can be made for pickup. This program serves people in York, Dauphin, Cumberland, and Perry Counties.

This will be a continuing mission. Please help us make somebody's life a little easier. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate asking Janice Zaring or anyone on the committee.

KITCHEN MINISTRY

The Kitchen Ministry and the Mission Committee have decided to continue with the Monday Meals until further notice. In case of inclement weather, there will be a sign at the end of the driveway or you can also call the church after 3:00pm to check. If no one answers, the meal is cancelled for the day.

Monthly Mission for February-Bethesda Mission

Bethesda Mission has been providing hope and healing to hurting and homeless in the Harrisburg area since 1914. Providing shelter for men, women, and Veterans, serving meals, medical patient visits, dental visits, long term recovery program, children, and teen attending community center programs.



Delroy & Avon Wagner, Dave & Marjory Miller, Charles Ebling, Elizabeth Harren, Enslee Shuman, Janine, Sandy, Kristal Smith, Dave Ely, Taylor McIntyr, the Bolton/Comp families, the Lewis Morrow family, the Clyde Cressler family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES are no longer listed in the Lamp.

A full year listing is available from the Secretary office. Please make Linda aware if you would like one, she will place it in your mailbox. Thank 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81040191828?pwd=PuaJnFxxPpcGBeq6cAXs6rjhWua4b7.1>

Meeting ID: 810 4019 1828 Passcode: 958689

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Dial by location 1 (301) 715-8592

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (8:30am) (HIGHLAND)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/619915621?pwd=NFN3ZzRPSWRGM2ZpVmhqWFRWWkdKUT09>

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Dial by Location: 1 (929) 205-6099

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)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86533397349?pwd=MUE3M1BHVXQyRVhRUWRGZINRNGtiQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 3339 7349 Passcode: 920593 Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

In the coming months, The Distance Ministry will be able to provide equipment for individuals in hospital, rehabilitation, nursing care, or otherwise away from home and unable to attend physically to connect.

HIGHLAND'S SECRETARY'S HOURS:**Tuesday 8:00-12:00 Thursday 8:00-2:00 Friday 8:00-12:00****WESTMINSTER'S SECRETARY'S HOURS:****Wednesday 8:00-5:00 Friday 7:30-12:30****HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—DECEMBER 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>
12/07/25	\$ 4,720.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,187.00
12/14/25	\$ 1,409.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,206.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,615.00
12/21/25	\$ 2,254.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 68.14	\$ 2,328.14
12/28/25	<u>\$ 545.00</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 610.00</u>
TOTALS	\$ 8,928.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,299.00	\$ 68.14	\$ 11,740.14

Per Capita Assessment for 2025 is for 124 members @ \$34.07/member-\$4,225.00.**Total given to date for 2025 is \$1,443.41****Per Capita Assessment for 2026 is \$34.66 per member****December Mission PEYTON WALKER FOUNDATION —\$175.00****November Mission P C Literacy Council—\$270.00**

Said the robin to the sparrow, I really should like to know, Why these anxious beings, rush about and worry so. Said the sparrow to the robin, Friend, I think that it must be, That they have no Heavenly Father, Such as cares for you and me.

Days go by so slowly but the years fly by!

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Jane Shirk

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Pete Crater

Shelly Horning

Gabe Book

Feb. Lector: Marie McNaught

Feb. Counter: Connie Benner

Feb. Closer: Connie Benner

Feb. Children's Ministry: 1 Book Family 8 Geedey Family
15 Parks Family 22 Digon Family

Feb. Birthdays: 15 Vera Zimmerman 22 Osirius Digon

Feb. Anniversaries: **NONE**

FEBRUARY MISSION: United Way's Mifflin-Juniata Energy Bank. A program that provides emergency assistance for home heating and utility costs to individuals and families facing hardship.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara Koppenhaver, Curtis Beatty, Derek & Kerri Lentz, Jody Satzler, Elizabeth Harren, Jacob Smith and Lawrence Beale



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED BEETS, MIXED VEGETABLES, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT AND ANY CLEANING ITEMS. WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO PURCHASE THESE SUPPLIES.

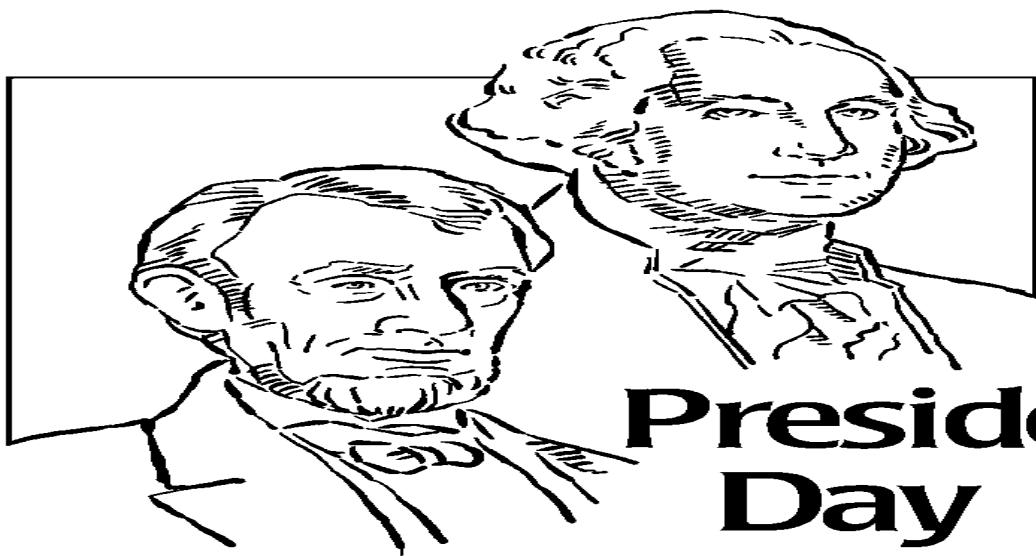
Reminder!

2/5/26: Trustees meeting at 4:45 p.m. in church office.
2/13/26: Audit Committee meeting in the church office.
3/1/26: Annual Meeting following worship service.

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>1 Adult S.S. 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour following Worship Westminster 10:30</i>	<i>2 Grief Support Group 9:30-11am Monday Meals 4:30-6:00pm</i>	<i>3 Session (H) 5:00pm Deacon (H) 6:00pm</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 Trustees (W) 4:45</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7 Ken Bolton Memorial</i>
<i>8 Adult S.S. 8:30am Worship 9:30am Westminster 10:30</i>	<i>9 Grief Support Group 9:30-11 am Monday Meals 4:30-6:00pm</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13 Audit Com. Meeting at (W)</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15 Adult S. S. 8:30 Worship 9:30 Westminster 10:30</i>	<i>16 Grief Support Group 9:30-11am Monday Meals 4:30-6:00pm Bible Study Zoom-6:30pm</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18 Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 Bible Study @ Harling's, Mifflin 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>22 Adult S. S. 8:30 Worship 9:30 Westminster 10:30</i>	<i>23 Grief Support Group 9:30-11am Monday Meals 4:30-6:00pm Bible Study Zoom-6:30pm</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25 Grief Support Group 5:30-7:00</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 Bible Study @ Shine, Liverpool 9:00 a.m.</i>



**Presidents'
Day**



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