

# THE LAMP

Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry



Juniata Valley  
Shared Ministry

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Greetings,

If you know me well, you know that I love trivia. I like to learn and then randomly spout facts about almost anything. I also play a killer game of Trivial Pursuit and other trivia type games. It seems that everyone wants to be on my team or refuses to play with me, because I usually win ... or pout when I lose.

With my love of all things trivia related, I thought I'd share some Easter symbolisms that I've collected over the years. You probably already know some of them, but maybe I can share a new piece of knowledge with you.

We all know the core religious symbols including the Cross which represents the crucifixion of Jesus; the Lamb which represents Jesus as the "Lamb of God" and symbolizes his sacrifice; the Easter Lily with its white color symbolizes the purity and divinity of Christ, while its blooming in spring represents resurrection; the Candles symbolize Jesus as the "Light of the World" and the breaking of the darkness of sin and death; and the Palm Branches symbolize his entry into Jerusalem.

The cultural symbols include the Easter Egg which symbolizes the empty tomb of Jesus, the hard shell represents the sealed tomb, breaking it represents his resurrection, and the egg itself signifies new life; the Easter Bunny represents fertility, abundance, and the new life of Spring; Hot Cross Buns are marked with a cross and they represent the crucifix; and Butterflies symbolize the transformation and resurrection.

Isn't it satisfying to know that we join millions of Christians celebrating Christ's resurrection and associate the Cross, Lambs, Lillys, Christ Candles, and Palm Branches with this supreme sacrifice and miraculous rebirth? What is even more astounding is that even those people who may not be aware of Christ or have become lapse in their faith are also celebrating Easter with symbols representing the tomb, new life, the cross, and the resurrection and may not even be aware of it.

As Easter heralds the coming of Spring and a chance for new life both from the ground and within ourselves, let's make a commitment to renew our faith and to share it with others. Maybe we can share some trivia about the Easter symbols with family, friends, acquaintances or even strangers and invite them to join us to learn more about this miracle that we celebrate not just each Spring, but everyday as well.

Kit Parks, Clerk of Session, Westminster

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**BIBLE STUDY**

Our next Bible Study will resume on May 16<sup>th</sup> (In person). Our text will be "Daniel and the 12 Prophets For Everyone" by John Goldingay.

Please talk to Bill about ordering a book.

**QUOTES:** Flowers are love's truest language.

These things will destroy the human race. Politics without principle. Progress without compassion. Wealth without work. Learning without silence. Religion without fearlessness and worship without awareness.

**Deacons**

The Deacons meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is April 7, at 6:00 p.m. Kindness calendars were passed out to be completed during lent. On Easter Sunday the Deacons will have a treat for everyone and will collect any fully completed calendars to have a drawing. Someone will win a \$25.00 gift card to Giant.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3! Led by Deacon of the Month Carol Kauffman, the Deacons will be preparing breakfast for everyone before church. Come to church by 8:30 a.m. to socialize and eat a big breakfast. We will be inviting members we haven't seen in a while. Hopefully, the turnout will be great, and we can reconnect with beloved friends.

## Mission

New Date for our Annual Yard Sale, Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please everyone mark your calendars. We will need help throughout the week beginning August 10<sup>th</sup>. We will start setting up and continue throughout the week.

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, prior to August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Remember, we also need help on Sale Day/s**

**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.

**STORY TIME @ HIGHLAND UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 11 Church Road, Newport, PA. Every Tuesday – join us @ 9:30 a.m. beginning on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Join us for Story Time, borrow a book from our Little Lending Library. Donations of Individually Wrapped Snacks and Juice Boxes are welcome.

## Mission and Kitchen Ministry

Because We Care about our Community, the Mission Committee, and the Kitchen Ministry have been working together to provide a FREE MEAL every Monday evening for anyone living in Perry County. What a Wonderful way to get out, meet your neighbor, and enjoy a delicious meal. Monday night meals will continue through May 18<sup>th</sup>. and then resume on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Everyone is welcome to attend for food and fellowship. In case of inclement weather, there will be a cancellation on TV channels 21 & 27. Facebook will also announce the cancellation on multiple sites, or you can call the church after 3:00pm. If no one answers, the meal is cancelled.

## Monthly Mission for April – Newport Fire Company

Since 1925, the Newport Citizen Fire Company #1 has provided Newport and surrounding townships 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 earlier one, to house additional and more sophisticated equipment.

☐Prayer Requests David & Marjory Miller, Delroy & Avon Wagner, Paul Richard, Elizabeth Harren, Charles Ebling, Taylor McIntyre, Jen Hockenberry, Rob Sweger, Ann Amsler, Nancy Altimore, Erin Alderfer, Bob Baker.

**THANK YOU FROM HIGHLAND:** Thank you for love, prayers, cards and food.

Darlene Adams



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

Meeting ID: 810 4019 1828 Passcode: 958689

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (8:30am) (HIGHLAND)** Meeting ID: 619 915 621 Passcode: 129308

### DISTANCE MINISTRY

**WORSHIP LINK 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship - (HIGHLAND)**

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

### 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

# WESTMINSTER UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

## WESTMINISTER

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**Apr. Birthdays:** 12 Nancy Dolin 19 Caden Geedey

**Apr. Anniversaries:** 14 Mike and Beth Stoner

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara Koppenhaver, Curtis Beatty, Derek & Kerri Lentz, Jody Satzler, Jacob Smith, Arlene Harren, Lawrence Beale, Donald "Butch" Quigley and Gary Beatty.



## JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

All non-perishable foods, Shampoo, Deodorant, Cleaning Supplies, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, All-Purpose Household Cleaners, Paper Towels. Donations of Cash/Checks and Gift Cards are also appreciated.

*Reminder!*

**4/1/26:** 4:45 p.m. Trustees meeting in Church Office

**4/2/26** 7:00 p.m. Combined Maundy Thursday Worship

Service at Highland

**APRIL MISSION:** The Carrie and Danielle Fund. This fund supports local families who have seriously ill or injured children. The fund provides monetary and/or Weis Gift Card donations to assist with transportation, temporary housing, and other expenses.

## THANK YOU'S FOR WESTMINSTER:



**THANK YOU SO MUCH** to Westminster United Presbyterian Sunday School for your generous monetary donation to our organization. During the February 2026 meat canning event, we canned 36,000 pounds of chicken. This resulted in 22,540 cans of chicken to give away. Later this month, we will distribute 93 cases of canned chicken to local organizations. The rest will go to third-world countries to alleviate world hunger. Many thanks for your contribution toward this extremely worthwhile mission of feeding the hungry.

Sincerely,  
Louise Yoder, Treasurer  
Central PA World Hunger Association



**DEAR CONGREGATION** of Westminster Presbyterian Church....Max and I would like to thank you for recognizing our grandson in your gift through the Danielle/Carrie Fund. We are forever grateful for the prayers lifted up to God by each and every one of you.

1 John 5:14 – If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Sincere Thanks,  
Max and Beth



**DEAR FRIENDS** at Westminster United Presbyterian Church Sunday School....Thank you so much for your generous and continuing support of the Juniata County Food Pantry's Summer Backpack Program. Your donation will give us startup funds to begin another year of the program. We will begin our 14<sup>th</sup> season of the Summer Backpack Program immediately following the end of the school year. We will continue throughout the summer months. During August, students will receive backpacks and school supplies, in addition to their food provisions. Thank you for the concern you show for the less fortunate children of our county. Your compassion and faithfulness bless our goal to care for "the least of these." (Mt. 25:40). Thank you for helping us to plan ahead! You are truly Pantry Angels!

With sincere gratitude

Patricia Brown, Treasurer/ Summer Backpack Coordinator and the  
Juniata County Food Pantry Board of Directors

# April 2026

**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

			1 Trustees Meeting (W) 4:45pm	2 SAIL EXERCISE 10am-11:00am	3	4
5 EASTER Adult S.S. 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Hour following Worship Westminster 10:30	6 Grief Support Group. 9:30-11 am Monday Meals 4:30-6:00pm	7 SAIL EXERCISE 10am-11:00am Session (H) 5:00 Deacons (H)6:00	8	9 SAIL EXERCISE 10am-11:00am	10	11 Presbytery Committee Meeting 8:00 – 11:00am
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