

# THE LAMP

Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

May 2026

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The following reflection was the devotion used at our April Session meeting. I found it not only appropriate for Session but also for the Body of Believers in general. I asked our Moderator, Pastor Lon, if I could use it for The Lamp. He very graciously gave his permission and it is the following:

## “FROM THE EMPTY TOMB TO A FLOWERING FIELD”

Scripture Focus: “For behold, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.” Song of Solomon 2:11-12.

## “The Reflection - Carrying the Light”

As leaders of the church, we often experience “Easter exhaustion.” After the adrenaline of Holy Week and the logistical marathon of Lent, it is tempting to treat the Resurrection as a completed task on our checklist—a beautiful event safely tucked away in the past.

However, we are a people of the Great “And” Christ is risen, and he is moving ahead of us into the world. Right now, the world around us is physically mirroring the spiritual reality of Easter. The frost is retreating, the soil is warming, and the “alleluias” we sang on Sunday are meant to become the fuel for our ministry in May and June. The Resurrection isn't just a miracle to celebrate; it is a momentum of harness.

As a Body of Believers, our call this month is to be the “gardeners” of this congregation's energy. Just as the spring sun coaxes life out of the dormant earth, our leadership can coax joy and service out of our pews.

Ask yourselves:

- How can we move from “surviving” the busy season to “thriving” in this growing season?
- Where do we see new life budding in our committees or missions that needs a little extra light and water?

The stone didn't just roll away to let Jesus out; it rolled away to let us in – and then to send us out into a world that is hungry for the vibrancy of **spring**. Let's lead with the conviction that the best of God's work in this church isn't behind us, but blooming right in front of us.

## Closing Thought:

The Resurrection is a sunrise, not a sunset. As the days get longer and the weather turns, let our work reflect the warmth and tireless energy of a God who makes all things new.

Submitted by Nancy Campbell, Ruling Elder

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**BIBLE STUDY**

Our Next Bible Study begins May 16th

5/16 - Harling's in Mifflin

5/18 - Zoom

5/23 - Newport Family Restaurant

5/27 - Zoom (this is WEDNESDAY evening taking Memorial Day off)

5/30 - Harling's in Mifflin

6/1 - Zoom

6/6 - Newport Family Restaurant

6/8 - Zoom

6/13 - Harling's Mifflin

6/15 - Zoom

6/20 - Newport Family Restaurant

6/22 - Zoom

6/27 - Harling's Mifflin

6/29 - Zoom

Saturday begins at 9 am so arrive and order early

Zoom begins at 6:30 pm

Monday evening Zoom, and Saturday Morning in person

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

The books have been ordered, \$15.64 each

**QUOTE:** Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.

Albert Einstein

Prayer Requests David & Marjory Miller, Delroy & Avon Wagner, Paul Richard, Elizabeth Harren, Charles Ebling, Nancy Altimore, Taylor McIntyre, Jen Hockenberry, Rob Sweger, Ann Amsler, Bob Baker, Shirley Weibley, Brandon Hetrick, Dottie Wright, Shawn Steckley, Jeff Mathias, John, Wayne, Lucy Pascoe, Rachael Sturgeon.

## Deacons

The Deacons meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Our last meeting was April 7, at 6:00pm. At the April 5th Deacon meeting, the names of the congregation that submitted their finished Kindness Calendars were put in a cup. Carol Kauffman pulled Taylor Shuman as the winner of the \$25.00 gift card. The Deacons were very impressed by the number of people that participated in Kindness during Lent.

The Deacons also filled out postcards and addressed them to members we have been missing. A breakfast has been planned for May 3rd at 8:30 a.m. that our entire church is invited to attend. We are hoping some of our missed members will join us as well.

## Mission Back Again for Summer

Story Time @ Highland United Presbyterian, 11 Church Road, Newport, PA

**Every Tuesday – join us at 9:30am Beginning June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Gail and/or Maggie Rose will read a book - Do a craft with the children,

Enjoy a Snack at the Picnic Pavilion, Enjoy Playground Fun,

Borrow a book from our Little Lending Library

## **Everyone is Welcome- Bring your Friends**

Donations of Individually Wrapped Snacks and Juice Boxes are appreciated.

## **MISSION CHALLENGE**

Keep the hospice meal train going. You are challenged to make 1 8x8 casserole dish and 1 quart of soup per month. Containers available in narthex.

## 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.

## Monthly Mission for May – Ronald McDonald House

Since 1984, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania have been helping keep families together by providing temporary housing, including meals, toiletries, etc., to out-of-town families of seriously ill children who are being treated at Penn State Children’s Hospital. Many families travel quite a distance to seek treatment for their seriously ill or injured child at Penn State Children’s Hospital. And, for children facing a serious medical crisis, nothing seems scarier than not having your family close by for love and support. The Ronald McDonald House is a safe and supportive place for families to stay nearby their children. The generosity of volunteers and donors make the House possible. It’s their kindness that allows families to stay, free of charge. If you would like to learn more about the impact of the Ronald McDonald House Charities, visit their website and review the testimonials of the families who were able to stay by their children during an illness: <https://www.rmhc-centralpa.org/what-we-do/families>.

### HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—MARCH 2026

<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>
03/01/26	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,790.00
03/08/26	\$ 2,121.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,156.00
03/15/26	\$ 2,870.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 3,150.00
03/22/26	\$ 830.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 850.00
03/29/26	<u>\$ 1,187.00</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>	<u>\$ 35.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,232.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,248.00</b>	<b>\$ 445.00</b>	<b>\$ 415.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,178.00</b>

Per Capita Assessment for 2026 is for 113 members @ \$34.66/member-\$3,916.58.

Total given to date for 2026 is \$977.30

March Mission Camp Krislund—\$415.00

February Mission Bethesda Mission—\$265.00



To Highland: Thank you for lovely meals and great friendship with many people. A cross was handcrafted by Kenneth L. Anderson Jr. The cross that was referenced in the note is now hanging in the kitchen on the bulletin board.

Ken and Bets Anderson



**ZOOM LINKS: (HIGHLAND)**

## **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.

### **BIBLE STUDY LINK:** Joint Zoom Meeting

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

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Dial by location 1 (301) 715-8592

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/619915621?pwd=NFN3ZzRPSWRGM2ZpVmhhqWFRWWkdKUT09>

One tap mobile +19292056099,,619915621#,,,,\*129308# US (New York)

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Meeting ID: 619 915 621 Passcode: 129308

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 Passcode: 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**

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## WESTMINSTER UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Barbara Koppenhaver, Curtis Beatty, Derek & Kerri Lentz, Jody Satzler, Jacob Smith, Lawrence Beale, Donald "Butch" Quigley, Gary Beatty and John Shirk.



### JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Backpack Program Needs, Single-serve non-perishable lunch items such as 15oz cans of pasta meals or ready-to-heat soup, microwaveable meals, fruit cups and pudding cups. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

**May Lector:** Session Members

**May Ushers and Greeters** Rachel Dowling and Pat Brown

**May Counter/Closer:** Crissy Campagna

**May Children's Ministry:** **3** Geedey Family **10** Parks Family

**17** Digon Family **24** Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler

**31** Campagna Family

**May Birthdays:** **3** Dick Crozier **6** Chris Fisher, Elsa Digon

**8** Shade Parks **12** Marie McNaight **13** Shelly Horning **21** Nick

Brown **29** Roger Parks

**May Anniversaries:** **14** Harry and Marie McNaight **15** John and Jane Shirk **21** Derek and Kerri Lentz



**5/7/26:** 4:45 p.m. Trustees meeting in Church Office

**5/28/26** 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting in Sunday School Room

## Mission of the Month

Westminster's May Mission is the Summer Backpack Program of the Juniata County Food Pantry. This program provides lunches during the summer months for students who have completed K-8<sup>th</sup> grades this school year and have received free/reduced lunches through the school district's lunch program. Beginning on June 9 and continuing through August 22, the Summer Backpack Program will provide an entrée, a fruit item, a snack, and a 100% juice box or milk for each lunch.

One in five children in the USA lives in a home without consistent access to adequate food. Programs like the Summer Backpack Program strive to alleviate this situation for our local children.

Please consider supporting our May Mission to aid in the Juniata County Food Pantry's Mission of "Caring for the least of these." (Matthew 25:40)

Thank you!



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for Sunday, June 7 when we will be worshipping with our sister church, Highland Presbyterian, at 10:00 a.m. in Newport. We have been invited to join them for worship followed by a picnic. Highland will provide us with menu details closer to the time.

Thank You!

JVSM Committee

Aaron Geedey, Deb Heisey, Pat Brown

# May 2026

**Sun**                      **Mon**                      **Tue**                      **Wed**                      **Thu**                      **Fri**                      **Sat**

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<p>3 <i>BREAKFAST</i> 8:30am</p> <p>Adult S.S. 8:30am Worship 9:30am</p> <p>Rev. Jeanette Mater Westminster 10:30 am</p>	<p>4 <i>Grief</i> <i>Support Group</i> 9:30-11 am</p> <p>Monday Meals 4:30-6:00pm</p>	<p>5 Session (H) 5:00 Deacons (H) 6:00</p>	6	<p>7 <i>Trustees Meeting</i> (W) 4:45pm</p>	8	9
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<p>24 Adult S. S. 8:30 Worship 9:30</p> <p>Melissa Foor</p> <p>Westminster 10:30am</p>	<p>25 <i>Memorial</i> <i>Day</i></p>	26	<p>27 <i>Grief</i> <i>Support Group</i> 5:30-7:00</p> <p>Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm</p>	<p>28 <i>Session</i> <i>Meeting (W)</i> 6:00pm</p>	29	30 <i>Bible Study</i> <i>@ Harling's @</i> <i>9:00</i>
<p>31 Adult S. S. 8:30 Worship 9:30</p> <p>Rev. Troy Howell</p> <p>Westminster 10:30am</p>						



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