

THE LAMP

Newsletter of The Juniata Valley
Shared Ministry

July 2026

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The Distance Ministry...

When COVID-19 became a pandemic, many activities of daily life were put on hold. Public events struggled, even visiting family, friends, and neighbors presented new challenges. However, The Church rose to that challenge. The JVSM did not miss a single Sunday because we had the availability of technology to fill the gap. We did not shut down The Churches. Meetings continued to occur and groups used Zoom to keep in touch. We slowly opened the building back up, first with just our Pastor and the tech operator. We recorded special music to be played back during the service. Then a few months later, our musicians returned to the building. Finally, the buildings were fully opened, but the online experience continued.

Today, that technology continues to enhance our service to our congregations. Today, both WUPC and HUPC offer Zoom as an option for worship. We offer our joint Bible Study both in person on Saturday mornings, and by Zoom on Monday nights. Highland United offers our Adult Sunday School class in a hybrid fashion.

And these offerings are used! At Highland United, anywhere from one quarter to one half as many folks are on Zoom as compared with those in person. And the reach is far. Colorado. Florida. Folks on vacation in various places both in and outside of Pennsylvania.

At first, we simply called this Zoom Worship, but it very quickly became apparent that this was a Ministry of its own. Not only did we offer the Services weekly, we recorded the services and created DVDs which could be taken out to our members who could not come to the Churches and did not have internet access to be a part of the Zoom.

There was always a dream to be able to supply services to those who could not be in Mifflintown or Newport due to health concerns. Some folks going into the hospital or rehab facilities did take their own tablet or iPad devices with them, but the desire to be able to reach all has always been there.

Well, now we can. The Distance Ministry has obtained 11 tablet computers. The Zoom links are already set up on the tablets' home screens. The only thing needed is a bit of instruction (turning on/off, selecting the appropriate icon for worship, Sunday School, or Bible Study). Additionally, there is a charging base which accommodates 10 of the 11 which is maintained at HUPC, and a packet for each tablet including USB charging block, USB to Mini-USB cable, and a set of earphones to improve sound quality and avoid disgruntled roommates! Imagine the possibilities! Our Distance Ministry has the capacity to serve EVERYONE in ways never before imagined... and thank God for that.

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Finding a Pastor

A Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) which consists of 8 members, 4 from Highland and 4 from Westminster churches.

The committee had the task of completing what's called the Ministry Discernment Profile or (MDP). This is basically information both churches are looking for about the position. Think of it as a job requirement. So once that was completed, it was reviewed by Sessions from both churches and then the Commission on Ministry, (COM). Both must approve this document, and they did that. So next the Chairperson of the committee submitted the MDP on the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) system. This is done via the computer. So, what happens next is you have our requirements on this system, and you have what I call resumes or Personal Discernment Profiles (PDP) from the applicants looking for a job on the system. The system then cross references the MDP's and PDP's for matches.

There were 11 matches, so the committee met and reviewed all 11 PDPs. From the 11, we agreed there are 4 that have possibilities. So our next step for the PNC is to do phone interviews.

Prayer Requests

David & Marjory Miller, Delroy & Avon Wagner, Paul Richard, Elizabeth Harren, Charles Ebling, Nancy Altimore, Rob Sweger, Bob Baker, Shawn, Brandon Hetrick, Jimmy Kenavan, Andy's Father, Marti Snyder, Jen Hockenberry, Taylor McIntyre, Steve Shumaker, Scott Klingensmith, Paige Wentz and Baby Maddie, Bradford Dillman, Family of Dave Peters, Family of Phil Robbins, Nicholas Brunner

Pray for Peace in our USA

MISSION HAS A CHALLENGE FOR YOU

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. Contact a Highland United Mission Member or Janice Zaring.

Bible Study

Bible Study On-Line - Mondays from 6:30pm – 7:45pm

In Person Bible Study – Saturdays from 9:00am – 10:15am

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

Meeting ID: 810 4019 1828 Passcode: 958689

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07/04 – Newport Family Restaurant 9:00am

07/06 – Zoom 6:30pm

07/11 – Harling's, Mifflin 9:00 am

07/13 - Zoom 6:30pm

07/18 – Newport Family Restaurant 9:00 am

07/20 – Zoom 6:00pm

07/25 - Harling's, Mifflin 9:00 am

07/27 – Zoom 6:30pm

Monthly Mission for July - Highland Deacons

The Deacons hearts go out to those in distress. To members who have suffered loss, hospitalized members, those who have lost their jobs, new parents who face challenges, new members, and shut ins. The nine Deacons are something like a Social Service Provider, and the Caring Arm of the Church. There is no limit to what they might do together in the name of Compassion and Justice of Jesus Christ.

Highland United Annual Yard Sale

August 14th and August 15th. 2026. 8am—1pm

You can bring your items to the Church at your convenience. Just leave them in the last Sunday School Room on the Left. NO LARGE ELECTRONICS, AND - 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.

Please start saving bags - plastic or brown paper. We can use both

Story Time

Gail and Maggie Rose had a Great first day with Story Time. 10 children were in attendance.

They read "Puss 'n Boots" and "Pete the Cat", then made "Pop Up thank you cards.

All are welcome- Plan to attend, bring your friends & neighbors



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>

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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>

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+13017158592,,619915621#,,, *129308# US (Washington DC)

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 UNITED FINANCES—MAY 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>
05/03/26	\$ 2,143.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,288.00
05/10/26	\$ 4,051.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,226.00
05/17/26	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,212.00
00/24/26	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,445.00
05/31/26	<u>\$ 1,580.00</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 60.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,740.00</u>
TOTALS	\$ 11,301.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 70.00	\$13,911.00

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

Total given to date for 2026 is \$977.30

May Mission Ronald McDonald House—\$280.00

April Mission Newport Fire Company—\$310.00

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

When we pray, we are talking to God. When we read the Bible God is talking to us.

Your body will die, but your soul (spirit) will live forever.

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PRAYER REQUESTS: Barbara Koppenhaver, Curtis Beatty, Derek & Kerri Lentz, Jody Satzler, Jacob Smith, Lawrence Beale, Donald "Butch" Quigley, Gary Beatty, John Shirk, Beth Stoner, Deb Palm and Drew Geedey.

**JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

All non-perishable foods; personal care items; cleaning supplies; paper products, summer backpack lunch program; single serve meals, jello cups, and single serve cereals. We also gladly accept donations of cash and gift cards for grocery and discount stores.

July Lector: Derek Lentz

July Ushers and Greeters: Vera Zimmerman and Shelly Horning

July Counter/Closer: Shelly Horning

July Children's Ministry: 5 Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler
12 Campagna Family 19 Book Family 26 Geedey Family

July Birthdays: 3 Eileen Cook 5 Bret Satzler 9 Jan Manbeck
13 Jessica Heimbach 20 Tristan Digon 25 Emily Book

July Anniversaries: None



7/2/26 5:00 Trustees Meeting in Church Office

7/16/26 6:00 Session Meeting in SS Room

Mission of the Month

WESTMINSTER'S JULY MISSION is the Children and Youth Clothing and Shoe Drive for "Back-to-School." As previously, we will provide clothing and shoes for one boy and one girl. Diane Marshall, Shelly Horning, and Vera Zimmerman will be our shoppers. Please

consider supporting this mission to provide necessary clothing and shoes for two children in need of our assistance. I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me." (Mt. 25:36) this is Jesus's request of us.

Thank you! Mission Committee



THANK YOU ALL for the phone calls, cards, flowers, prayers, and food provided to us following my surgery. Everything was greatly appreciated. What a wonderful church family we have!

Many Blessings To All, Mike & Beth



DEAR WESTMINSTER SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS....Thanks so much for your continuing support of the Summer Backpack Program! Your kind concern for our youth will deliver a blessing to many throughout the summer months. You are "Pantry Angels!" Thank you!

Sincerely, Pat Brown, Coordinator



for your donation to Juniata Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. in May 2026. As you may know, Juniata Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. was organized to deliver prepared meals to home-bound residents of Juniata County. Your support will aid us in furthering our goals. Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Nicole Whistler, Treasurer
Juniata Meals-on-Wheels, Inc.



SO MUCH for your generous financial donation and for allowing us to speak to your congregation about Helping Hands of Juniata County. Your kindness and support mean more than words can express. Because of you, we are able to continue the ongoing work of our organization as we serve individuals and families in our community.

We are truly grateful for your generosity and for standing alongside us in making a difference. Your support helps us continue our mission and reach those who need it most!

With heartfelt thanks,
All of us at Juniata County Helping Hands
Aleiha, Jill, Nicole, Penny & Olivia



TO HIGHLAND, OUR SISTER CHURCH, for a wonderful day of worship, fellowship, and food on June 7. Thank you so much for inviting Westminster to share your beautiful pavilion, playground, and weather. It was truly a perfect day! We look forward to returning your hospitality this fall.

Pat Brown, JVSM

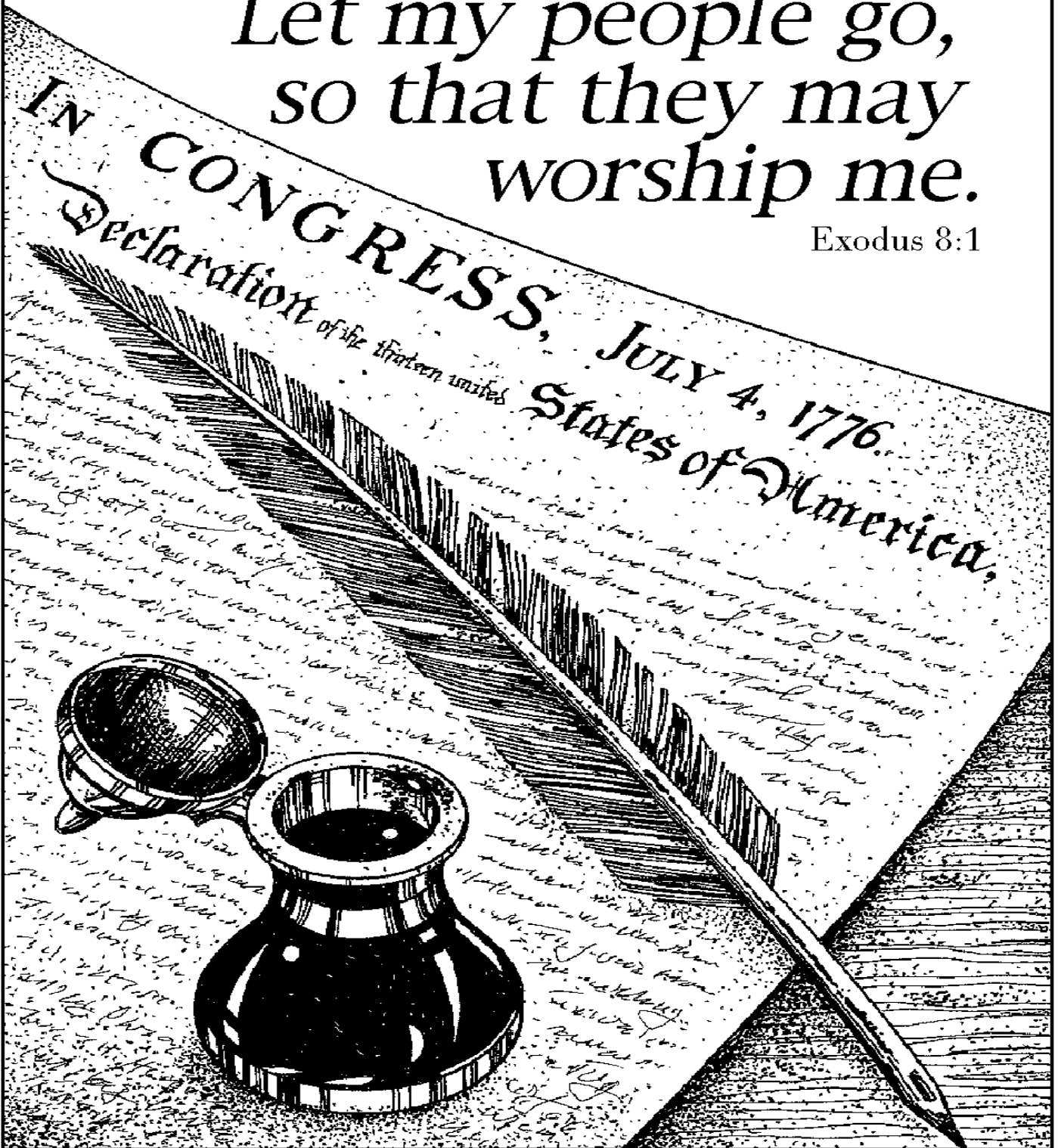
July 2026

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

			1	2 <i>Trustees (W) 5:00</i>	3	4 <i>Bible Study Newport Family Restaurant @ 9:00</i>
5 <i>Worship 9:30 Rev. Melissa Foor Westminster 10:30</i>	6 <i>Grief Support Group 9:30-11 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30</i>	7 <i>Story Time 9:30 @ Pavilion SAIL 10-11 Session (H) 5:00</i>	8	9 <i>SAIL 10-11</i>	10	11 <i>Bible Study Harling's 9:00</i>
12 <i>Worship 9:30 Rev. TBD Westminster 10:30am</i>	13 <i>Grief Support Group 9:30-11am JVSM @ Harshbarger's 5:00 Bible Study Zoom 6:30</i>	14 <i>Story Time 9:30-@Pavilion SAIL 10-11</i>	15 <i>Retired Teachers Luncheon 12:00 - 4:00</i>	16 <i>SAIL 10-11 Session (W) 8:00</i>	17	18 <i>Bible Study Newport Family Restaurant @ 9:00</i>
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Let my people go,
so that they may
worship me.

Exodus 8:1



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