

THE LAMP

Newsletter of The Juniata Valley
Shared Ministry

June 2026

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Because of the Lord's great love
we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23

I thought that this verse was the perfect way to begin the month of June!

Jeremiah was a man who experienced much pain and suffering. He watched as his people suffered and then his city collapsed. Yet in his darkest moments, he could see, feel, and he knew that God's love was still there!

The word "new" in this verse can represent our Spring season. It comes every year and is brand new each time. We experience new flowers bursting from the earth, buds on the trees, and warmth from the sun after the long dark winter months.

God's love is not just new each Spring, it is new every day. He gives us love, support, and compassion each and every day to face the trials in our lives. If we messed up yesterday, he gives us mercy and forgiveness so that we are free to begin fresh today. If we thought that today's events were just too hard to bear, he gives us the strength to get out of bed and face tomorrow.

Just as Spring comes around every year, God's love comes to us day after day after day. He has an unending amount of love for us!

As we raise our faces towards the sun during the first Spring days to feel that welcome warmth, let's remember that all we have to do is raise our prayers to him to feel the warmth of his love every single day.

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BIBLE STUDY

Our Next Bible Study begins May 16th

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

Prayer Requests:

David & Marjory Miller, Delroy & Avon Wagner, Paul Richard, Elizabeth Harren, Charles Ebling, Nancy Altimore, Rob Sweger, Ann Amsler, Bob Baker, Shirley Weibley, Shawn Steckley, Brandon Hetrick, Dottie Wright, Rachel Sturgeon, Casey Barney, Jimmy Kenavan, Andy's Father, Pat Gutheil, Marti Snyder, Jen Hockenberry, Bob Rolston, Russ Fletcher, Steve Shumaker, Taylor McIntyre, Paige Wentz and Baby Maddie

THANK YOU: "Because we Care Dinner Crew" Thank you for all the community dinners during the winter/spring. Your ministry touched many lives. It was a nice way to share fellowship with others.

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Deacons

The Deacons have had a productive year. They continue to offer our Prayer Box for anyone who would like quiet prayers. Coffee hours took place each month and a retirement luncheon was decorated for Pastor Nancy. Each Deacon was assigned a shut-in and checked on him/her throughout the year—sometimes visiting, sometimes sending cards, and sometimes taking a meal or gift. Our Angel tree was a wonderful success for some seniors in Perry County as well. Super Bowl Sunday was fun this year! The congregation was encouraged to wear a jersey to church and were given snacks and a drink. Everyone was excited and loved the word search and coloring pages as well. A Kindness Calendar was passed out as a challenge during our Lenten season. Candy was given out to all who participated and a winner was drawn from those that completed the entire calendar challenge. We organized a “We Miss You” Sunday and sent postcards to people from church that have been missing. A wonderful breakfast was provided with great fellowship. This event may be continued. The Deacons would like to thank our out-going members for their caring and hard work during their tenure. Elaine Buffington, Michelle Byers and Sue Robinson were wonderful assets to our team and will be missed as we move forward. Thank you for your service!

Mission Committee

Please plan to attend the upcoming Mission meeting — **Thursday, June 4th @ 6pm**
We will be discussing future events, August Yard Sale, Oktoberfest, and Because We Care Dinners.
Need not be a member of Mission Committee, just interested in helping.

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

Every Tuesday – Join us at 9:30am Beginning June 16th

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

Donate Children’s Books, no longer of use to you.

Monthly Mission for June– Central Pennsylvania Youth Ministries

The mission is to share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with young people in the Central Pennsylvania community. By mobilizing and equipping God’s Family of Believers, we build relationships that clearly communicate Jesus of the Bible. Programs offered: Breakfast Club at Newport/Greenwood High Schools. Kids Garden Club and Cross Training Gym.

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. **Let’s meet that challenge.**

Worship & Music

You Are Invited! June 7th at 10:00 a.m. to a combined Worship Service and Picnic with our Westminster Church family. The services will be held in Highland's Pavilion or Clark Hall (depending on the weather). Highland will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and baked beans. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. The Reverend Troy Howell will lead us in Worship.

Come and join us for this wonderful time of fellowship!



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 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>

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

+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—APRIL 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>
04/05/26	\$ 3,318.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,688.00
04/12/26	\$ 2,444.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,694.00
04/19/26	\$ 1,782.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 956.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,738.00
04/26/26	<u>\$ 1,337.00</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	<u>\$ 90.00</u>	<u>\$ 867.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,494.00</u>
TOTALS	\$ 8,881.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 1,823.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,614.00

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

Total given to date for 2026 is \$907.30

April Mission Newport Fire Company—\$310.00

March Mission Camp Krislund—\$415.00

Surrender to what is. Let go of what was. Faith in what will be.

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.

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

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Roger Parks

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Mike Stoner

Rachel Dowling

Brett Satzler

WESTMINSTER UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

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



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.

June Lector: Deb Heisey

June Ushers and Greeters: Dave Doray, Kerri and Derek Lentz

June Counter/Closer: Dave Doray

June Children's Ministry: 7 Book Family 14 Geedey Family
21 Parks Family 28 Digon Family

June Birthdays: 2 Carson Horning 8 Jody Satzler 11 Ava Stoner
15 Beth Stoner 17 Vanessa Evola 24 Josslyn Geedey 25 Ben
Digon 26 Sawyer Parks 28 Paul Wilt

June Anniversaries: 22 Bret and Jody Satzler 28 Terry and
Nancy Dolin



Trustees Meeting June 4 at 4:45

Mission of the Month

WESTMINSTER'S JUNE MISSION is Helping Hands of Juniata County. This non-profit is dedicated to easing the burdens of individuals and families facing financial, emotional, medical, or loss-related hardships. Through compassionate support and community-based services, Helping Hands works to improve the quality of life for all residents of Juniata County, fostering hope,

healing, and resilience in those served. Please consider donating to our June Mission to support those in need in Juniata County. "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." 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 be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and baked beans. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

Thank You!
JVSM Committee
Aaron Geedey
Deb Heisey
Pat Brown

*Thank
You!*

TO OUR FRIENDS AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH for the gift you sent to Samaritan's Purse in memory of Ted Kepner. In the book of Acts, an angel told Cornelius, **"Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God"** (10:4, NIV). By supporting the ministry of Samaritan's Purse, your prayers and gifts are also helping the poor and honoring God. As we work to meet physical needs, our ultimate goal is to lift up the Name of Jesus Christ and spread His life-changing Gospel around the world.

We would appreciate your continued prayers. Thank you again for your support.

May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham, President

June 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 Session (H) 5:00	3	4 Mission Meeting (H) 6:00pm Trustees (W) 4:45	5	6 Bible Study Newport Family Restaurant @ 9:00
7 Highland/Westminster Combined Worship 10:00am Lite Lunch immediately following Rev. Troy Howell	8 Grief Support Group 9:30-11 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30	9	10	11	12	13 Bible Study Harling's 9:00 Bream Picnic @ Pavilion 10-8
14 Adult S. S. 8:30 Worship 9:30 Rev. Jeanette Mater Westminster 10:30am	15 Grief Support Group 9:30-11am Bible Study Zoom 6:30	16 Story Time 9:30-@Pavilion	17	18	19	20 Bible Study Newport Family Restaurant @ 9:00
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Flag Day

Highland United Presbyterian Church

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