

THE LAMP

Newsletter of The Juniata Valley
Shared Ministry



August 2026

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I took a trip to Dallas/Fort Worth Texas earlier this summer. I met my Louisiana (native PA) cousin, Brenda, for a long weekend of NASCAR and Sprint Car Racing as well as visiting some tourist hot spots. To say the least, we had a blast. We talked and talked and talked some more about family, politics, hobbies, and our faith. We both grew up at Trinity United Methodist Church in Mifflin and then left on our life journeys. Though our roads took very separate paths, we both tried to live up to the expectations of those many Sunday school teachers and ministers who taught us about Jesus and the Love of the Lord.

While at the NASCAR track, we both had an experience where we were able to bring some of those teachings forward. I was standing on the concourse at the track when I overheard a father telling his young daughter that he just couldn't afford to buy her the NASCAR hat that she had her heart set on. I listened for a few minutes and watched her face go from sad to devastated and that's when I had to intervene. I asked them how much the hat cost (it is crazy the money they get for a simple baseball cap) and then gave him the cost of the hat plus a few extra dollars that I like to think he used to buy her a drink or some popcorn. They both were very grateful and it gave me a good feeling knowing that I was passing along a little of my own resources to make the day of a little girl and her dad.

Brenda's experience was a little more profound. She is a big follower of Joe Gibbs Racing. If you remember, Joe Gibbs had been the coach of the Washington Redskins (now Commanders) for many years and then later became a NASCAR team owner. His professional story is awe inspiring, but his personal one is very different as two of his adult sons passed away at young ages. You would think that this might be a breaking point in his Christian faith, but the opposite happened. Joe's faith remains strong and he openly shares it with others. At NASCAR races, he holds a gospel meeting in the merchandise hauler area that is open to everyone. I was comfortably seated when this event was taking place and wasn't going to go down and back up those 80+ stairs again until the race was over. However, Brenda made the trek and heard the wonderful sermon that Joe preached that day. She said it was incredibly moving and that there was a big crowd worshipping and praying together on that Sunday morning. Praise God!!

Now, I'm sure you are saying, "Well, that's really nice Kit, but what's the point?" My point is ...

We need to remember to take Jesus on Vacation with Us. It doesn't matter where we are going or doing or seeing, we need to remember to invite him to go with us.

Then, remember to keep prayer in your daily routine. Hey, you're on vacation so hopefully you have some additional free time available to reach out to the Lord and share your joys and concerns with him!

Also, look for him in your activities whether it be the beauty of the outdoors, sea breezes, mountain hikes, or even at a NASCAR race. Vacation is a treasure trove of beauty and experiences and who made these possible? Yep, God did all that to help enrich our lives!

And, lastly, remember to model Christ-like behavior in every action along the way. You never know who is watching and might be moved by the way you live your life and the ways you benefit the others around you.

I hope you all have a wonderful end to the summer and take Jesus with you in all that you do.

Kit Parks, Clerk, Westminster

P.S. I wasn't born yesterday and I know that there are scammers always trying to take your money. I watched from afar and the father did buy the little girl the hat and I was able to see the smile on her face when she wore it with pride.

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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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08/03 — No gathering

08/08 - Newport Family Restaurant 9am.

08/10 – Zoom 6:30 pm

08/15 – Harling's, Mifflin 9am.

08/17 – Zoom 6:30 pm

08/22 – Newport Family Restaurant 9am.

08/24 – Zoom 6:30 pm

This schedule brings us to the end of **Daniel and the 12 Prophets for Everyone**

Next study will be for Advent .

Deacons

The Deacons will have a meeting on September 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend so we can have our reorganizational meeting and get started with some great ideas.

Serving Carlisle Presby-

Bill McHenry

Commission on Ministry

Coordinating Council

Dennis Tressler

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James Turner

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Prayer Request

David & Marjory Miller, Delroy & Avon Wagner, Paul Richard, Elizabeth Harren, Charles Ebling, Nancy Altimore, Rob Sweger, Bob Baker, Marti Snyder, Jen Hockenberry, Taylor McIntyre, Steve Shumaker, Paige Wentz and Baby Maddie, Max Mohler.

Pray for Peace in our USA

Monthly Mission for August - Newport Ambulance

There may come a time in your life, when you need to call 911, for the ambulance to assist you in a medical emergency. They provide emergency medical transport services. This is a vital mission that supports the well-being of our community.

Homeland Hospice Meals

MISSION - Still looking for donations of homemade casseroles for Homeland Hospice. I recently was informed through hospice that a homeless patient in the hospice program had no way of heating up food so they gave him some of our ham/cheese sandwiches. He really appreciated. The stories they tell me when picking up our food is very sad yet comforting at the same time. Knowing we can make even the slightest difference in someone's last days on earth. Don't you feel warm and fuzzy inside knowing you helped someone in their final days. There are over 25 people now on hospice and recently 2 more were added to the program, all requesting the casserole program hearing how good the meals are from others. Mission is giving love ones more time to spend with each other, than having to worry about meals. Wouldn't you want to spend every moment you could with them too. Please consider donating.

Annual Yard Sale

YARD SALE- This is it, the time has finally come. Mark your calendars for August 14 & 15 from 8am-1pm both days. We are selling around 6 different types of homemade soups by the quarts ready to go, plus hot dogs, sausages, uncrustables (kids favorite), ham/cheese sandwiches all ready to eat in our pavilion or take home. Don't forget all the wonderful baked goods coming in also, but our big attraction will be the YARD SALE. Anyone donating yard sale items they **must be in no later than Tuesday, August 11.** **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING AFTER THAT.**

Story Time

Gail and Maggie Rose sure have had a great time with Story Time this Summer. Everyone is welcome to join us. Read a book/s, do a craft, enjoy refreshments, play on the playground.

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

Many Voices — One Song

Music, Preaching, and Food - an Unforgettable Afternoon of Worship and Fellowship

Sunday, August 30, beginning at 4pm, Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, 528 Garland Dr., Carlisle. Rain or shine. The building is air conditioned and there will be outdoor tents for shade. Just off Route 81 There's plenty of off-street parking. The building is fully accessible to all.

Schedule:

- 4-5:30pm - Worship including Rev. Cece Armstrong, the Lord's Supper, and the Hallelujah Chorus.
- 5:30pm - Fun fellowship dinner for all

See original flier for more details @Highland United Presbyterian Church, Secretary Office



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=PuaJnFxxPpcGBeg6cAXs6grjWua4b7>

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=NFN3ZzRPSWRGM2ZpVmhhqWFRWWkdKUT09>

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.

KEEPING THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN

So many of you have ask about the new results of our most recent election.

ELDERS ON SESSION

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Sharon Delancey	717-497-4541	Sally Tangeres	717-412-8004
Geri Hall	717-497-2059	Tripp Bryson	717-614-5525

COMMITTEES

Administration- Jessica Bryson (Chair), Kathy Smith, & Kim Drum *

Christian Education- Dennis Tressler (Chair), Sue Robinson,
Abi Worthy, & Pam Adams *

Kitchen Ministry – Kathy Smith (Chair), Robert Rolston, & Jeff Mathis *

Mission- Janice Zaring (Chair), Jessica Bryson (Session Liaison) *

Nominating- Pat Shutt (Chair), Kim Drum + Deacon Representative *

Property- Patrick McIntyre (Chair), Robert Rolston, Mike Byers,
& Jeff Mathias *

Steering- KathySmith, Mike Byers, Patrick McIntyre, & Jeff Mathias

Worship & Music- Pat Shutt, Kim Drum, David Patton,
& Wendy Brunner *

*Members of the Congregation have also added their names to assist committees.

Also, we would like to have our congregation praying at 8 o'clock every morning. Praying for a new minister to come forward. Suggested to put a timer on your phone so you remember

Welcome Friends

We are blessed with many visitors attending worship who are becoming part of the life of our congregation. If you are part of that group, we would welcome you to become a member of HUPC. If you are interested please contact Bill McHenry (psych@pa.net or 717-275-5765 or in the front pew with the Zoom equipment!) so that arrangements can be made. We'd love to have you join us.

Quote

G	get up	M	meditate on God's word
O	open your heart	O	optimize your faith and hope
O	open your mind	R	revoke all evils
D	dedicate your day to God	N	never doubt God's love
		I	inspire someone
		N	nothing should scare you
		G	go out with joy

So I say, have a blessed day!

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

WESTMINISTER

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Roger Parks

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WESTMINSTER UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Barb Koppenhaver, Curtis Beatty, Derek and Kerri Lentz, Jody Satzler, Jacob Smith, Lawrence Beale, Donald "Butch" Quigley, Dakota Ritter, 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.

August Lector: Crissy Campagna

August Ushers and Greeters: Chris Fisher and Kit Parks

August Counter/Closer: Kit Parks

August Children's Ministry: 2 Parks Family 9 Digon Family

16 Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler 23 Campagna Family

30 Book Family

August Birthdays: 19 Connie Benner, Teagan Trout 26 Jerry Trout

28 Pat Brown 29 Steve Manbeck 30 Derek Lentz

August Anniversaries: 9 Gabe and Emily Book 17 Steve and Jan Manbeck



8/6/26 4:45 Trustees Meeting in Church Office

Mission of the Month

WESTMINSTER'S AUGUST MISSION IS SCHOOL SUPPLIES for the Paul DeLauter Youth Center. Because the Center's Fourth Annual Back-to-School Supplies Event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, Thursday, August 13, and Friday, August 14, we need to focus our mission for early

August. Donations are requested for delivery to the Center by Monday, August 10. This gives us August 2 and August 9 to collect our donations. Last year the DeLauter Center provided supplies to fifty (50) local students. This is an in-person event where the youth individually select from the available supplies based on his or her needs.

The Center has provided a list of donation suggestions for school supplies and personal items for students in grades 3-12 in the Juniata County School District. It was also mentioned that most of the items can be purchased at our local dollar stores. (Dollar General, Family Dollar, or Dollar Tree).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

- College or Wide-ruled filler paper, 100-125 sheets/pack
- Zipper binder pouches (for holding pencils/pens)
- Sheet Protectors
- Post-it Notes (2.5 x 3 inches, or any other size)
- Composition books
- 1-subject college ruled or wide ruled notebooks
- 3-ring notebooks/folders
- Two pocket individual folders
- Pink erasers
- Eraser caps, 25 ct.
- Pencils and Pens (mechanical or regular)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Backpacks

PERSONAL SUPPLIES:

- Deodorant (Boys: Old Spice, Axe, Irish Spring; Girls: Baby Powder or Flowery Scented)
- Shampoo
- Soap (Boys: Irish Spring, Axe, Old Spice; Girls: Dove, Olay, Ivory)
- Body wash
- Body lotion
- Toothbrushes (individually packaged)
- Toothpaste
- Pocket-sized tissue packs
- Chapstick/Lip Balm
- Individual hand-sanitizers
- Any type of pre-packaged, bagged snacks (cheese crackers, Goldfish, pretzels, granola bars, pudding cups, Little Debbie oatmeal or peanut butter snack cakes, or brownies), and individual macaroni and cheese cups.

The Center's staff and board members will shop for needed supplies. Monetary donations and/or gift cards will also be accepted. If you should choose to donate in this manner, please write your check to the Paul DeLauter Youth Center. Checks and gift cards can be placed in the offering plate or handed to Pat or Jody. They will be delivered to the Center along with the school and personal supplies.

The DeLauter Center is hoping that this free event will encourage local youth to participate in their activities as they re-open on Tuesday, September 22.

Thank you for your consideration of supporting our local youth!

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed."

(Proverbs 19:17)

Mission Committee



THE JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY met on Monday, July 13, and discussed the benefits of corporate prayer. We are asking that everyone at Westminster and at Highland join each morning at 8:00 a.m. to pray concerning the path to our new pastor. As we pray together for our PNC and for the person God has chosen to lead us, may we enrich our relationships with God and with each other.

Thank you!
JVSM

*Thank
you!*

DEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH FAMILY: Thank you for prayers, calls, visits, taking me to Dr.'s appointments and out to eat. All was very much appreciated.

Diane Marshall

THANK YOU: Dear Westminster Congregation....Thank you so much for your generous financial donation to 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,
from all of us at Juniata County Helping Hands
Aleiha, Jill, Nicole, Penny & Olivia

THANK YOU: On behalf of the Paul W. DeLauter Youth Center Inc., I would like to thank Westminster Presbyterian Sunday School for your recent donation. It will go a long way to support the youth of our community. We are truly blessed to count you among our friends and supporters. Thank you for sharing in our commitment to our youth.

Sincerely,
Bret Miller, Treasurer

August 2026

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Sat

						1 No Bible Study
2 HUPC Coffee Hour following Worship Worship 9:30 Rev. Jamie McLeod Westminster 10:30	3 Grief Support Group 9:30-11 Bible Study Zoom 6:30	4 SAIL 10-11 Story Time 9:30 @ Pavilion	5	6 SAIL 10-11 Trustees Meeting (W) 4:45	7	8 Bible Study @ Newport Family Restaurant @ 9:00
9 Worship 9:30 Rev. Kevin Long Westminster 10:30	10 Grief Support Group 9:30-11 Bible Study Zoom 6:30 Yard Sale Prep 8-5	11 Story Time 9:30 @ Pavilion Yard Sale Prep 8-5	12 Yard Sale Prep 8-5	13 Yard Sale Prep 8-5	14 Yard Sale 8-1	15 Bible Study @ Harling's @ 9:00 Yard Sale 8-1
16 Worship 9:30 Rev. Jeanette Mater Westminster 10:30	17 Grief Support Group 9:30-11 Bible Study Zoom 6:30	18 SAIL 10-11	19	20 SAIL 10-11	21	22 Bible Study @ Newport Family Restaurant @ 9:00
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