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Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

November 2026

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In this season of transition, we are reminded that God often works in quiet and beautiful ways. As our congregation continues the search for the pastor God is preparing for us, we hold onto the promise that "the Lord will guide you continually" (Isaiah 58:11). We trust that the Spirit is already shaping the path ahead and preparing the heart of the one who will serve among us.

As Advent begins, we enter a time of holy waiting — a time when God's people look toward the coming of Christ with hope, expectation, and wonder. Advent teaches us that waiting is not empty; it is filled with God's presence, God's promises, and God's gentle work within us. God often invites us to take a step back and rest in his timing, and he is always present with us in the waiting. In that same spirit, we wait with faith for the new chapter God is forming for our church.

We are grateful for the patience, prayer, and love you continue to show during this journey. May we remain united, steadfast, and attentive to the Spirit's leading, trusting that the One who began a good work among us will be faithful to complete it.

Prayer –

Loving God, guide us in this season of waiting and hope. Prepare our hearts for the pastor you are calling to serve our congregation, and strengthen our unity as we follow your leading. As we enter Advent, fill us with peace, expectation, and renewed trust in your faithful presence. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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Prayer Requests

David & Marjory Miller, Delroy & Avon Wagner, Elizabeth Harren, Charles Ebling, Nancy Altimore, Rob Sweger, Bob Baker, Shawn Steckley, Marti Snyder, Jen Hockenberry, Taylor McIntyre, Max Mohler, Cole Bilheimer, Patti Stailey, Barry Cornell, Susan Stump, Abi Worthy and her sister, Becky, Melissa Neidigh, the Wilma Klingensmith Family, Joseph Sheaffer, Nicholas Brunner., Carsana Buckley.

Bible Study

Bible Study On-Line - Wednesdays from 6:30pm – 7:45pm
In Person Bible Study – Saturdays from 9:00am – 10:15am
Meeting ID: 810 4019 1828 Passcode: 958689
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Zoom will be Wednesday evenings (11/4, and 11/11) at 6:30 pm.

Saturdays will be starting at 9 am in Newport

10/31 at Harling's in Miffln

11/7 at HUPC (BYOBreakfast)

11/14 at Harling's

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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

Deacons

An Angel Tree will be up and ready for sponsors to take angels and give some senior citizens a cheery Christmas on November 8th. When you pick an angel, don't forget to use the sign-up form so we know who has which senior. Then, you can shop, wrap (or use a gift bag) your items and return them under the tree by November 29th so the Deacons can deliver them to Join Hands. Also, make sure to attach your angel to the bag.

Starting Sunday, December 6th, the Deacons would love our congregation to make and bring to church for display a gingerbread house. You can use real gingerbread, a store-bought kit, graham crackers or even cardboard. Whatever you choose, decorate away and bring your masterpiece to church and put on a table in the entryway. We will have containers to put in front of each house for our congregation to vote for their favorite. Voting will end on December 20th and the winner will receive a prize. The money raised from the voting will go towards gift cards for Melissa and her family.

Mission Committee

Monday Meals have Returned

Meals are served the FIRST and SECOND MONDAY of each month ONLY.

Serving begins 4:30pm till 6:00pm or while supply lasts. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Please join us for Good Food and Fellowship. **Hope to see you November 2nd and/or November 9th, 2026.** Anyone interested in making a dessert for the Monday Night Meals, a sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please have the dessert to church by 4:00pm. Anyone interested in helping to serve the meal for the Monday Night Meals, a sign-up sheet is also in the Narthex. We would like no more than 6 people, and you should be at the church by 4. Please plan to stay and help clean and put away tables and chairs.

The Mission Committee (Caring Crafters) gives over 25-30 homemade blankets to individuals every year. We are in need of some volunteers to help with knitting and crocheting blankets or in making the sew knotted blankets. If you can help, please get in touch with Janice.

Monthly Mission for November – Perry County Literacy Council

The Literacy Council has been providing free educational resources and training to Perry County residents for over 30 years. They start by meeting people where they are. They work with learners to identify barriers that keep them from moving forward on the path to self-sufficiency through appropriate support service. Services provided: *Adult Basic Education,*GED and HISET Exams, *Tax Preparation, *ESL Classes, *Connection with necessary resources to remove barriers.

Quotes

T time to give thanks	H hope for the future	A answers for prayers	N never give up
K kind to one another	S sow a seed of love	G God is love	I into the world
V enture	I increase happiness	N never give up	G give hope for all the world

Distance Ministry

The Distance Ministry offers technology to those in hospitals, nursing facilities, rehabs and the like with which to connect to all of our services - Tablet computers with the Zoom Links to HUPC and WUPC's Worship Services, HUPC's Adult Sunday School, and The Shared Ministry's Bible Study are all pre-loaded on the main screen. Simple instructions on turning the tables on and off, charging them, and using headphones or ear buds are all that is required for use. Please reach out to Session or Board of Deacon Members, or the Distance Ministry directly, to obtain one for use while needed. If you know of someone who could benefit from this, reach out!

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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ZOOM LINKS: (**HIGHLAND)**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (8:30am) **(HIGHLAND)**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/619915621?pwd=NFN3ZzRPSWRGM2ZpVmhqWFRWWkdKUT09
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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=MUE3M1BHVXQyRVhRUWRGZlNRNGtiQT09

Meeting ID: 865 3339 7349 Passcode: 920593 Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—September 2026

Date	G. Fund	B. Fund	Mission	K. Ministry	Per Capita	Totals
09/06/26	$ 3,645.00	$ 405.00	$ 210.00	$ 0.00	$ 74.00	$ 4,334.00
09/13/26	$ 1,895.00	$ 150.00	$ 205.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 2,250.00
09/20/26	$ 1,655.00	$ 0.00	$ 120.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 1,775.00
09/27/26	$ 1,275.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 1,275.00
TOTALS	$ 8,470.00	$ 555.00	$ 535.00	$ 0.00	$ 74.00	$ 9,634.00

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

Total given to date for 2026 is $1,051.30

September Mission Join Hands—$535.00

August Mission Newport Ambulance—$230.00

HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES—October 2026

Date	G. Fund	B. Fund	Mission	K. Ministry	Per Capita	Totals
10/04/26	$ 3,315.00	$ 300.00	$ 115.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 3,730.00
10/11/26	$ 1,690.00	$ 105.00	$ 40.00	$ 200.00	$ 0.00	$ 2,035.00
10/18/26	$ 150.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 850.00	$ 0.00	$ 1,000.00
10/25/26	$ 3,880.00	$ 50.00	$ 80.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 4,010.00
TOTALS	$ 9,035.00	$ 455.00	$ 235.00	$ 1,050.00	$ 0.00	$10,775.00

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PRAYER REQUESTS: Barbara Koppenhaver, Curtis Beatty, Derek & Kerri Lentz, Jody Satzler, Jacob Smith, Lawrence Beale, Donald "Butch" Quigley, Dakota Ritter, Kit Parks, John McLaughlin

November Lector: Rachel Dowling
November Ushers and Greeters: Mike and Beth Stoner
November Counter/Closer: Beth Stoner

November Children's Ministry: 1 Digon Family **8** Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler **15** Campagna Family **22** ? **29** Geedey Family

November Birthdays: 8 David Doray **11** Destiny Trout **19** Bill Eichenberger **25** Michelle Parks, Rob Digon **27** Laney Dowling

November Anniversaries: 5 Rob and Polly Digon



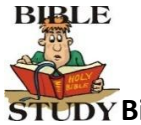
11/5/26 Trustees meeting in church office at 4:45 p.m.

11/19/26 Session in Sunday School Room at 6:00 p.m.

WESTMINSTER'S NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH IS: SUPPORTING OUR HEROES OF ENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. This is a non-profit organization located in Juniata County whose mission is to aid and assist First Responders in need. While based in Juniata County, they serve all of Juniata, Mifflin, and Perry Counties. First Responders and First Responder Organizations in need of personal help, general help, or supplies, may fill out an online application to request assistance. Please donate as you are able. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) Thank you! Mission Committee

THANK YOU: Dear Friends at Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for your generous support of our Christmas initiative to bring joy and warmth to the children of our Food Pantry families! On Sunday, October 25, I gathered 17 blankets, 124 pairs of socks, and 1 pair of gloves from the sanctuary and took them to the Food Pantry. On Wednesday, October 28, I took 15 blankets and 4 pairs of socks that were purchased with donated cash from the 25th or were donated after that Sunday. In total, 32 blankets and 128 pairs of socks have been donated from Westminster! (and 1 pair of gloves). Last year, we provided "Santa Sacks" to 178 children. We are anticipating that the number may be even higher this year. Due to the kindness of Westminster, we are off to a great start in our preparation. Additionally, October Mission donations of $740 will allow us to purchase more blankets and socks to fulfill the needs of all the children of our families. You are truly "Pantry Angels!" "I was naked, and you clothed me." (Matthew 25:36) Most sincerely, Pat Brown

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Bible Study comparing Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

The schedule below will change Zoom to Wednesday evening:

10/31	9:00 a.m. in person at Harling's
11/4	6:30 p.m. Zoom
11/7	9:00 a.m. in person at HUPC (bring you own breakfast)
11/11	6:30 p.m. Zoom
11/14	9:00 a.m. in person at Harling's

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FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER UPDATE

Again this year the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Mifflintown Rotary, and **YOU** to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive – please give generously. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas. We are also collecting kids' winter attire for Christmas gifts: hats, coats, mittens, and scarves. **This year we are also providing fleece blankets and fuzzy socks to kids.**

If you can help us to start stockpiling the following foods for the holidays, we would really appreciate it: (These are the foods that are more difficult for us to secure) TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), CANNED SWEET POTATOES, INSTANT POTATOES, STUFFING, GRAVY, CRANBERRY SAUCE AND BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX. **Or a $20 donation will purchase one complete meal!**

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Adult SS 8:30am* *Worship 9:30am* *Baptism* *Rev. Jeanette Mater* *Westminster 10:*30*am*	*2* *Grief* *Support Group* *9:30-11 am* *Monday Meals* *4:30-6pm*	*3* *Session (H) 5:00* *Deacons (H)* *6:00*	*4* *Bible Study* *6:30-7:45pm* *Zoom*	*5* *Trustees (W) 4:45*	*6*	*7* *Bible Study* *9:00-10:15am* *Highland United*
8 *Adult SS 8:30am* *Worship 9:30am* *Rev. Rick Boyer* *Westminster 10:*30*am*	*9* *Grief* *Support Group* *9:30-11 am* *Monday Meals* *4:30-6pm*	*10*	*11* *Bible Study 6:30 – 7:45 pm Zoom*	*12*	*13*	*14* *Bible Study* *9:00-10:15am* *Harling's*
15 *Adult SS 8:30am* *Worship 9:30* *Rev. Jamie McLeod* *Westminster 10:30am*	*16* *Grief* *Support Group* *9:30-11am* ***Turkey Prep***	*17* ***Turkey Prep***	*18* ***Turkey Prep***	19 Session (W) 6:00 ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER	*20*	*21*
22 *Adult SS 8:30am* *Worship 9:30am* *Communion* *Rev. Paul Burkhart* *Westminster 10:*30*am*	*23* *Grief* *Support Group.* *9:30-11am*	*24*	*25* *Zaring Get-Together 4:00*	*26*	27	*28*
29 *Adult SS 8:30am* *Worship 9:30* *Rev. Paul Burkhart* *Westminster 10:30am*	*30* *Grief* *Support Group.* *9:30-11am*					


“I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.”
Psalm 69:30, NIV

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