

# THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



I was looking over my 2020 calendar the other day and realized that I have FOUR weddings coming up this summer and fall. And it got me thinking...I realized today that we are moving quickly toward February and all the stores are packed with hearts, cards, gifts....and it got me thinking. I am getting ready to do a summer Bible study on 1 Corinthians...and it got me thinking.

Nine times out of ten when I do a wedding and I ask the couple about scriptures they might want – they ask for 1 Corinthians 13. Unfortunately this wonderful text has been reduced to a Hallmark, mushy only used for weddings text. BUT IT IS SO MUCH MORE THAN THAT!

So as we move into the season of Valentines, weddings and Hallmark moments, let me share with you what Paul really had in mind. The book of first Corinthians is written to a challenged, troubled church. Paul had gotten word of some of their issues – issues that were causing arguing, factions, one-up-man-ship and theological debates. Throughout his letter to this beloved church he deals with each of these issues. At the heart of his message is the wonderful LOVE text of 1 Corinthians.

Paul is not writing about romantic love here (although it does apply) Paul is talking about the love we should show to one another within our church family and throughout the community. The love we are to show for one another is:

\*patient: that means it is love that is slow to anger, it has a long long fuse.

\*kind: the love we show to one another shows itself in words and acts of caring

\* does not envy: “how come that person gets to do that?” “How come that person is so talented and I’m just....”

\*it does not boast and is not proud: this kind of love is not focused on building up ourselves and how great we are

\*it is not rude: this kind of love does not speak harshly, judgmentally, it does not speak angry words

\*it is not self-seeking: our love for each other is always focused on taking care of others

\*it does not keep a record of wrongs: ‘remember when she.....’ Our love for each other moves on, it doesn’t not throw up in another’s face the mistakes of the past.

\*it tells the truth – this love doesn’t make up stories or exaggerate.

\*this love PROTECTS, TRUSTS, HOPES AND NEVER FAILS!

Paul has placed quite the challenge on us, as the church. This month as we move into the month of love, let us truly LOVE ONE ANOTHER!



*Pastor Nancy*



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Kathy Smith

Delroy Wagner

James Turner

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William McHenry

**DEACONS**

Jason Barlup

Linda Bitting

Jessica Bryson

Karen Turner

Kim Drum

Austin Neidigh

Elaine Buffington

Melissa Neidigh

**HIGHLAND UNITED**

**FEBRUARY GREETERS, USHERS,  
ACOLYTES, LAY READERS,  
AND COMMUNION TEAM**

Feb .	2	Greeter	Joseph Frank
		Ushers	Linda Bitting
		Lay Reader	None Needed
		Acolytes	Henry Barlup
	9	Greeter	<b>WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER 10:00</b>
		Ushers	<b>WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER 10:00</b>
		Lay Reader	<b>WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER 10:00</b>
		Acolytes	<b>WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER 10:00</b>
	16	Greeter	Amos Miller
		Ushers	Jon and Courtney Archibald
		Lay Reader	James Turner
		Acolytes	Tripp Bryson
	23	Greeter	Mary Horting
		Ushers	Patrick McIntyre, Jeri Hall
		Lay Reader	Cecile Willet
		Acolytes	Cash Bryson



Feb.	2	Janice Zaring
		Logan Bates
	3	Linda MacAskill
		Stephen Adams
	5	Susan Robinson
	8	Avon Wagner
	11	Kathy Smith
		Ava Barlup
	12	Lori Little
	15	Emma Babski
	17	William Buffington
	18	Lucy Pascoe
	19	Peg Tressler
	23	Tripp Bryson

	25	Adam Smith
	26	Melissa Neidigh
	28	Henry Barlup
<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>		
Feb.	<b>NONE</b>	

**CONGREGATION COFFEE HOUR:**  
Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for any member to pick a Sunday and host coffee hour. You can team up with someone else or do it yourself.

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART:** The Deacons are sponsoring a food drive during the month of February. The food collected will go to the Food Pantry to feed those less fortunate. There will be a box in the narthex for donations. God loves a joyful giver and each gift, no matter how small, is a gift from the heart.

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED



### FEBRUARY COFFEE HOUR:

Feb. 2 Cindy McHenry  
 Feb. 9 None Needed  
 Feb. 16 Need Help  
 Feb. 23 Don and Linda Barlup and Pat Sowers

### MARCH COFFEE HOUR:

Mar. 1 Wilma Klingenmith  
 Mar. 8 Need Help  
 Mar. 15 Need Help  
 Mar. 22 Need Help  
 Mar. 29 Need Help

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S LIST FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

February 2	Kathy Sanderson	Pam Adams/Heather McClure	Jessica Bryson
February 9	Linda Bitting	Pam Adams Neidigh Family	Neidigh Family
February 16	Linda Barlup	Pam Adams Becky Wudtke	Patrick McIntyre
February 23	Kim Drum	Pam Adams Sue Robinson	Maggie Pasco

### HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES:

#### General Fund

<b>December</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Residual</b>
	\$8,036.16	\$ 7,490.88	\$ 545.28
<b>January</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Residual</b>
	\$ 5,712.48	\$ 8,473.74	\$ (2,761.26)
<b>February</b>	<b>Projected</b>		
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Residual</b>
	\$ 7,191.33	\$ 9,842.50	\$ (2,651.17)



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**BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Bazaar Committee is holding it's next meeting Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Clark Hall. Please bring ideas of a craft we can work on as a group. Any questions, please contact Joyce Heintzeman at joycie1951@outlook.com.

**Nominating Committee for Highland:** The Nominating Committee for Highland will meet on February 5 at 5:00 p.m.



## PERRY VALLEY

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Doris LaForce

#### DEACONS

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Nancy Sweger

Sally Tengeres

**February Liturgists: 2 Tom Ulsh 9 WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER AT 10:00 A.M. 16 Sharon Delancey 23 Tom Ulsh**

**February Greeters: 2 Linda Fleisher 9 WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER AT 10:00 A.M. 16 Lori Comp 23 Darlene Fitzpatrick**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Bob Sweger, Dave Foose, Helen Herr Atticks, all of our Church family, our community and country.



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**DISCOUNT CARDS AVAILABLE TO BUY AND SELL!** We are selling discount cards that offer discounts to some of your favorite places to eat and shop, such as Butcher's, Sharar's and Hall's. Many of the discounts last a year and cards are only \$5. Sell them to your friends and neighbors! Let's all work together to make this fundraiser a huge success!

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**ELDERS ON**

**SESSION**

Aaron Geedey

Shelly Horning

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Rich Swab

Jan Manbeck

Gabe Book

Kathy Brown

**DEACONS**

Jill Steward

Marie McNaight

BJ Doray

Beth Stoner

Barbara Koppenhaver

Michelle Parks

**TRUSTEES**

Dick Crozier

JR Bair

Rachel Dowling

Roger Parks

Shade Parks

Kit Parks—Cemetery Treasurer



**WESTMINSTER UNITED**

**FOR THE MONTH FEBRUARY**

**February Lector:** Steve Manbeck

**February Ushers/Greeters:** William and Kathie Eichenberger

**February Nursery Attendants** 2 Kit Parks 9 **WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER AT 10:00 A.M.** 16 Gabe and Emily Book 23 BJ Doray and Kerri Lentz

**February Birthdays:** 6 Joseph Benner 9 Robbie Lauver 15 Richard Swab, Vera Zimmerman 16 Jessen Abraham 22 Osirius Digon

**February Anniversaries:** None



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY—ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; OVER-THE COUNTER PAIN, COLD AND FLU MEDICINES; PAPER TOWELS, COUGH DROPS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, AND ANY CLEANING ITEMS. DONATIONS OF CASH /CHECK ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!**

**MISSION FOR FEBRUARY:** Crossroads Pregnancy Center.



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## JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY



### PASTOR NANCY'S OFFICE HOURS

Highland United:	Tuesday 9:00-12:00	Thursday 9:00-12:00	Makes visitations in afternoons
Perry Valley:	As Needed		Makes visitations in afternoons
Westminster:	Tuesday 1:00-4:00	Wednesday 9:00-12:00	

### SECRETARY'S HOURS:

Highland United:	Tuesday 8:00-12:00	Thursday 8:00-2:00	Friday 8:00-12:00
Perry Valley	N/A		
Westminster:	Wednesday 8:00-5:00	Friday 7:30-12:30	

### Please keep in prayer our church members and our friends:

Angie Barlup, Peg Tressler, Sherry Rolston, Les Weibley, Pat McGowan, Ed Wright, Carrol Hench, Janet Clark, Robert Rolston, Lois Graybill, Art Sylvester, Jessica Bryson, Colton Cook, Richard Brunner, Jason Barlup, Carlen McClure, Martha Beatty (at William Penn, Lewistown), Fred Marshall (at Locust Grove), Jason Saylor, Collin Jones, Jamie Zeiders, Austin Parker, Josh Hohol, Warren Ranch, Noel Peachey, Mary Sanders, Jamie Miller, Kathy Miller, Mindy Rhoades, Roger Musselman, Eugene Jones, Bob Sweger, Pat Campbell, Deanna Dare, Paul Kautzer, David Foose, Robbie Lauver, Jared Vento, Jan Landis, Barry Cornell, Eddi Kay Gill, Dan and Jane Zumbro, Eleanor Stallman and Marjory Miller.



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**BETHESDA MISSION BLANKET UPDATE:** On December 15th, members from shared ministry went to Bethesda Mission to give out over 200 blankets collected. We had 9-10 members who went Sunday evening and distributed blankets to those in need. People were very appreciative of the blankets and many thanks to everyone were expressed. Thank you to everyone for your help with this project.

## JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

### ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>!

We begin our Lenten season on February 26<sup>th</sup>, as all three churches gather at Highland for a covered dish dinner and a time of worship. In the coming weeks, you will be hearing more about the covered dish dinner and what to bring. The meal is at 6pm and worship at 7pm. The title of our worship is "I Wonder Why?" It features a return of John Shirk as Pontius Pilate (although in a very different mood) and others from all three churches. We have invited all the churches in the Newport area to join us. Please mark your calendars.

### PREVIEW OF LENT

March 1<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Sermon Series: "Giving Up Something Bad for Lent"

No, we're not going to be talking about giving up chocolate, or caffeine. Rather we're going to talk about things we can give up that touch our hearts and spirits. For instance: giving up enemies, pettiness, bad habits and more. How can we let Lent truly change us?

March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Communion at Perry Valley and Westminster	
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Communion at Highland United	
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday – regular service schedule	
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday Worship at Westminster	Meal: 6:00 p.m. Service: 7:00 p.m.
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter!!!	
	Sunrise Service at Perry Valley	7:00 a.m.
	Worship at Highland United	9:00 a.m.
	Worship at Westminster	11:00 a.m.

### LENTEN MISSION PROJECTS

The focus of our mission during Lent is on Bethesda Mission. Bethesda has many arms to a very active ministry to the poor and the homeless. Each one of our churches are choosing a branch to support during Lent. Westminster is supporting the mobile mission by collecting items they distribute in the homeless camps in the area. Perry Valley is supporting the medical/dental mission by collecting items they need. Highland is looking at the Community Center mission branch. Keep your eyes on the bulletin at your church for info!

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

A six week Bible study entitled "Giving Up Something Bad for Lent," will begin on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. The Bible study will dig in depth to the themes we will be exploring during the Lenten Sermon series. The tentative schedule is:

2/29	at Red Zone	'Introduction to Book'
3/7	at Newport Family Restaurant	"Giving Up Condemning Judgements"
3/14	at Red Zone	"Give Up Enemies"
3/21	at Newport Family Restaurant	"Give up Running Away"
3/28	at Red Zone	"Give Up A Bad Habit"
4/4	at Newport Family Restaurant	"Give Up Pettiness"

## **JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED**

### **Feeding the Hungry – Matthew 25 Update:**

For the past 4 months, teams of folks from all of our JVSM churches have been traveling down to Bethesda Mission once a month to help serve lunch to the men and women who rely on Bethesda for a hot meal when they are homeless or in great need.

The cramped kitchen and dining hall would seem to be too small for the need, but everyone is patient and works together to get folks through the line, and to an available seat. There was a sense of gratitude and humility as people interacted with us. This past Tuesday, January 21, there were 4 main course options, one vegetable, one starch, and three fruit options. Donated baked goods rounded out the meal. Juice, iced tea, and water were available to drink.

Nearly every person said “Thank you”, “Bless you”. Or “Have a great day”. Rest assured, those who served took away more from this than those served. If you would like to help, reach out... touch base with your Mission Committee to see how you can contribute.

## **WESTMINISTER UNITED CONTINUED**

**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA WORLD HUNGER ASSOCIATION:** This is the 46th canning year for our association. We are scheduled to can on February 10-13, 2020 at the East Derry Fire Company, which is located at 1800 Glenwood Avenue, 2.2 miles north on Route 522 from the 322 & 522 interchange in Lewistown, PA. We are canning 34,000 pounds of turkey, that's over 21,000 cans of meat. We again thank you for helping to make this all possible.



**HARSHBARGER FUNDRAISER:** The Newport High School is having a fundraiser for Colton Cook. Colton is 17 years old and is fighting cancer. On Tuesday, February 18 just present the form below and a percentage of your meal will be given to benefit the Cook family.

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**FABULOUS**

**Fund-raiser Tuesdays**

**HARSHBARGER'S**

**SUBWAY**

*Colton Cook*

ORGANIZATION

*All N. 2020*

DATE

**Thank you!**

TWO HOURS MONS-THURS 11:00A-1:00P FRI-SAT 11:00A-2:00P

LOCATIONS 717-900-7231 217-428-5185

## PERRY VALLEY SCHEDULE — FEBRUARY

Sun
Mon
Tue
Wed
Thu
Fri
Sat

			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5 8:45 Worship</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12 8:45 Worship</i> <b><i>GATHERING OF CON- GREGATION 2:30 P.M.</i></b> <b><i>SNOW DATE JANUARY 19 AT 2:30 P.M.</i></b>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19 8:45 Worship</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26 8:45 Worship</i>  <b><i>SESSION 6:00 P.M.</i></b>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	

## WESTMINSTER SCHEDULE — FEBRUARY

**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7 Deacon's meeting 7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
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2 9:00 <i>Adult Sunday School</i> 10:00 <i>Worship Service</i> 10:15 <i>Sunday School</i> <b>DEACONS MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP</b>	3	4 <i>Tai Chi 9:30-10:30</i>	5 <i>Nominating 5:00</i>	6 <i>Tai Chi 9:30-10:30</i>	7	8
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