

# THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

“The Times they Are A-Changin’”



Do any of you remember an old song where the refrain is: “The Times they Are a-Changin’?” Last month I wrote all about how we were going to be resuming worship in our sanctuaries and what wonderful news that was!



This month, one of our churches has opted to return to zoom worship, due to the new guidelines set down by the governor. Our other two churches continue face to face worship, but are adhering to the under 25 guidelines and have contingencies in place should we go over 25.



Add to that we are uncertain about how Sunday School will look this fall. A survey has been sent out to parents to get their feedback about their ideas on traditional Sunday School, outdoor and on-line. IF YOU HAVEN'T RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY, please consider completing it – it will help with a lot of plans that are being made.



An even more pressing question that comes, as the sands continue to shift under our feet, is how do we engage in hands-on, life changing ministry to those in need – when we can't be face-to-face? One of the dangers of this time – is becoming observers in the ministry of the church. Watching it on our screens. So how do we actively engage in mission and outreach and fellowship during times such as these?



What does supporting our local food bank look like? What does helping Bethesda look like – when we can't go serve meals? How can we support our Relay for Life team – when there was no relay? How do we support one another? How do we fellowship together?

These are questions that our mission committees, deacons and other folks will be thinking about in the coming weeks. WE ARE THE CHURCH DEPLOYED! WE ARE THE CHURCH IN ACTION! We are not held captive by not being in a building, or not being able to do things the way we always have. We're going to figure out how to show Christ's love in new ways. What ideas do you have about how we can do mission in these times? Share them with your deacons or mission committees.

# HIGHLAND UNITED



What about drop-off missions? Caravans delivering needed supplies to food banks and shelters? Blessing boxes? Putting together small gift bags for our folks who are still homebound?



Of course, there are needs within our own churches that continue. Just because we're out and about a bit -NOT EVERYONE IS, SOME ARE STILL HOME-BOUND. Please continue to send cards, make phone calls, drop off meals. If you're able to be out and about - stop in at one of the coffee hours at Highland for a time of fellowship, drop in on one of the Bible studies. We need each other so much - all that is going on is bringing even more stress and uncertainty into our lives. God has given us each other to lean on. God has given us the opportunity to help others.

THE TIMES ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO CHANGE....there is little doubt that we don't know what September is going to look like. But we do know one very important thing

***As the Psalmist has said: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you, the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. Psalm 139***

## HIGHLAND

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### Clerk of Session

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Linda Bitting

### Church Treasurer

Kathy Smith

### Financial Secretary

Dennis Tressler



Aug. 2	Heather McClure	16	Dorothy Crouse
3	Adrienne Smith	20	Nancy McClure
	Rachel Frerotte	21	Teri Tressler
7	Austin Neidigh	26	Ian McGowan
8	Travis Babski	28	Maggie Pascoe
12	Kristen Robinson		
14	Daniel Turner		
15	Delroy Wagner		

## ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 7	Hunter and Kathy Smith
11	Delroy and Avon Wagner
17	Robert and Sherry Rolston
20	William and Elaine Buffington

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

**ELDERS ON SESSION**

- Donald Barlup
- Cindy McHenry
- Nancy Campbell
- Janice Zaring
- Kathy Smith
- Joyce Heintzelman
- James Turner
- Patricia Shutt
- Cecile Willet

**DEACONS**

- Darlene Adams
- Linda Bitting
- Jessica Bryson
- Becky Wudtke
- Kim Drum
- Austin Neidigh
- Elaine Buffington
- Courtney Archibald

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Lori Comp

**Clerk of Session**

Pro Tempe

**Director of Sunday School**

Sharon Delancey

**Financial Secretary**

Peg Bolton

Sally Tengeres

**ELDERS ON SESSION**

- Linda Fleisher
- Russ LaForce
- Sharon Delancey
- Doris LaForce

**DEACONS**

- Linda Sanderson
- Nancy Sweger
- Sally Tengeres

**HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES:**

**General Fund**

<b>May</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Residual</b>
	<b>\$ 6,097.13</b>	<b>\$ 5,875.27</b>	<b>\$ 221.86</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Income (Projected)</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Residual</b>
	<b>\$ 6,425.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,751.54</b>	<b>\$ (6,326.54)</b>



**HIGHLAND NOW HAS ON-LINE GIVING:** Highland United has expanded it's giving options to include an online electronic option. This can be accessed at <https://jvsm.org/about-us/electronic-offering-and-gifts/>. The information about The Presbyterian Foundation is there. Simply click the GIVE NOW button to start. Your gift can be one time, or you can set up regular offering deposits to both the General Fund and the Building Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Bill McHenry or Kathy Smith.

### PERRY VALLEY

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Bob Sweger, Dave Foose, Helen Herr Atticks, Tom Harren, Bob Miller, Jane Ann Baney, all of our Church family, our community and country.



The session has taken the following precautions as we return to in person worship. Wear masks, sit in pews designated by crepe paper, maintain social distancing, use hand sanitizer, offering plates will be in the foyer, passing of the peace will be done from our seats and if you do not feel well please remain at home and join in the zoom service at 10am.

# WESTMINISTER UNITED

## WESTMINSTER

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Margie Bryner

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### Sunday School Treasurer

Diane Marshall

### ELDERS ON SESSION

Aaron Geedey

Shelly Horning

Deb Heisey

Rich Swab

Jan Manbeck

Gabe Book

Kathy Brown

### DEACONS

Jill Steward

Marie McNaught

BJ Doray

Beth Stoner

Barbara Koppenhaver

Michelle Parks

### TRUSTEES

Dick Crozier

JR Bair

Rachel Dowling

Roger Parks

Shade Parks

Jane Shirk

Michael Stoner

**Aug. Birthdays:** 2 Heather McClure 5 Kim Zeak 18 Connie Benner, Teagan Trout 20 Pastor Nancy McClure 26 Jerry Trout 29 Steve Manbeck 30 Derek Lentz

**Aug. Anniversaries:** 9 Gabe and Emily Book, 17 Steve and Jan Manbeck 27 Robert and Kim Zeak



In accordance with the CDC the session has outlined to following precautions for in person worship.

1. Pews open for seating will be marked with ribbons and have bulletins in the pews.
2. **Masks will be required**
3. **Singing** will be limited. 3a: There will be **elder at each door** to assist you in seating.
4. **Hand sanitizer** will be available in multiple places around the church.
5. **If you are not feeling well**, please continue to zoom with us at 10:00 a.m.
6. **Offering plates** will be placed in both foyers for you to deposit your envelopes.
7. **Bulletins** will be placed on pews where you may be seated.
8. **If for medical reasons, you are unable to wear a mask** we ask that you sit at the far right of the sanctuary by the door leading to the nursery.
9. Each week we will have someone taking attendance, so we know who is in attendance each week.
10. Children will sit **in their seats** for **the children's sermon** and not come forward.
11. **At the end of the service an elder** or Pastor Nancy will dismiss you from back to front.

## JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY

**SOUP AND TURKEY PIES FOR SALE:** Highland is selling the following: Soups—Turkey Corn, Turkey Rice and Ham and Bean for \$6.00 each. Also, they are selling Turkey Pies for \$6.00 each. Please see Linda Bitting or Kathy Smith if you would to purchase any soup or pies.

**BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING:** The Bazaar Committee will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, August 13 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Campbell Pavilion or in Clark Hall depending on the weather conditions. Any questions please call Joyce at 717-636-0992.

## JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED



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

Colton Cook, Angie Barlup, Peg Tressler, Sherry Rolston, Les Weibley, Robert Rolston, Jason Barlup, Martha Beatty (at William Penn, Lewistown), Fred Marshall (at Locust Grove), Bob Sweger, David Foose, Robbie Lauver, Jan Landis, Barry Cornell, Eddi Kay Gill, Eleanor Stallman, Tom Harren, George Yohn, Bob Mikesell, Jane Fogleman (sister-in-law of Eddi Kay Gill), Fran Wentz and Tana Wentz (Mother and Aunt of Cindy McHenry), Jane Ann Baney, Glenda Dillman, Hunter Smith, Cathy Frankenbach (Pastor Nancy's sister), Sharon Hockenberry, Lori Little and Bob Miller.



The Deacons at Westminster are working on a pocket book ministry to the women's shelter at Bethesda Mission. The idea is that the bags would be filled with things the folks at the shelter might need or want. Here is a list of items you may donate: hand sanitizer, toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, hair conditioner, scarves, combs, brushes, lip balm, body wash, moisturizer, mouthwash, bandaids, deodorant, mittens, gloves, stamps, small thank you notes, and small puzzle book.

**WHAT A WONDERFUL SURPRISE!** To all my Highland brothers and sisters and wonderful friends I say "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I was truly surprise and speechless when I saw all of you sitting there by the pavilion. At first I thought there was a meeting and I had forgotten about it. Then when I took a second look and saw the food tables and other people that do not attend HUPC, I knew I was HAD! You have no idea how much I appreciate you being there and how much this gathering means to me.

After living in my house for 55 years and being a member of the Highland family for 50 years it was not easy to make the decision to move so far away. It is not easy to get ready to move either! But the hardest is to leave the nicest people in the world – you, my wonderful friends. I will miss all of you, but, like a bad penny, I will be back for the Turkey Dinner.

God works in mysterious ways. When I think back to the day when Pastor Ed asked me to take over the Turkey Dinner because there was no one else to do it, I laughed. How could I do that, a retired Phys. Ed teacher with no cooking experience for large groups? But through the years all of you made it possible to do all the dinners and the Turkey Dinner. Yes, it is hard work at the Church, doing the many projects, but it is fun! What makes it fun? **YOU! GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**

**Nancy U. Sweger**

## JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED



### COFFEE HOUR

Highland United is planning weekly coffee hours in the month of August. Members of all our churches are welcome to attend.

8/4	9:30am
8/11	7:00pm
8/18	9:30am
8/25	7:00pm

**\*Bring a chair, a beverage and join us for a time of fellowship in the Pavilion.**

### ***BIBLE STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS***

Our weekly Bible study is experimenting with different formats. Of course, we've been all zoom and now we're doing a hybrid of in-person and zooming. The last couple of weeks some of us have been meeting in local restaurants to help our local businesses and others have been on zoom. The next time we meet – we're going to try something different to see if it works better. On AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> we're going to meet in the fellowship hall at Westminster, but we're going to place a take out order from Juniata Junction that we'll eat together at Westminster. This will allow us to spread out more than we can at the restaurant and support a local restaurant. So here's our schedule (at least as of now):

8/8 At Westminster 8:30am. Please contact Pastor Nancy with your order from Juniata Junction (by 8/6), and she will place it, pick it up and pay for it as a group.

8/15am At Highland in Clark Hall 8:30am Please contact Pastor Nancy with your order from Newport Family Restaurant.

8/22 Final Bible study on 1 Corinthians in Mifflintown area. Details of locale will be shared once we see how our experiment works.

## JVSM AUGUST CALENDAR

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
						<i>1 PSU Alumni 1-7 p.m.</i>
<i>2 Adult Sunday School Zooming 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC) Coffee Hour 9:30 a.m. (H)</i>	<i>5 W/M—HUPC 5:00 Highland Session 6:30 (H)</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC)</i>	<i>8 Zoom Bible Study</i>
<i>9 Adult Sunday School Zooming 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC) Coffee Hour 7:00 p.m. (H)</i>	<i>12 Administration 5:00</i>	<i>13 Bazaar Meeting at HUPC at 9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>14 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC)</i>	<i>15 Zoom Bible Study</i>
<i>16 Adult Sunday School Zooming 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC) Coffee Hour 9:30 a.m. (H)</i>	<i>19 Session (WPC) 6:30</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC)</i>	<i>22 Zoom Bible Study</i>
<i>23 Adult Sunday School Zooming 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC) Coffee Hour 7:00 p.m. (H)</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC)</i>	<i>29 Zoom Bible Study</i>
<i>30 Adult Sunday School Zooming 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>31</i>					

\*\*\*no other meetings have been confirmed for the month.

\*\*\*\*other meetings will be confirmed by Moderator and other people.

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