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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL?

Well maybe..... not really.....

YES we are returning to in-person worship in all our churches on July 5th. Praise God! But we do so with awareness that things won't be totally normal. All of our churches are requiring social distancing, masks, have made hand sanitizer available, have made arrangements for offering, not passing out bulletins, even how we leave the sanctuary.

BUT WHAT WILL REMAIN THE SAME...is that we will be TOGETHER IN GOD'S HOUSE WORSHIPPING GOD! As we have found over the last few months what is at the heart of our worship is not where we sit, or how

much we sing – AT THE  of worship is God's people worshipping our amazing God with heart and soul and mind.

Of course, we know that this does not mean that COVID is a thing of the past. The reality is, it is part of our reality for the time being. That means, for the summer we will continue with our outside, once a month coffee hours. There will be no large social gatherings and none of our churches will be having children's Sunday School, until we can make plans to safely resume them. I know that there has been much talk about so much of how to limit the spread of COVID. What we should do and not do. We've all heard the medical and political back and forth. Now let me share with you a theologically thought.



“Love One Another”

Could it be that our way of loving one another – in this time –is to take the precautions we can to protect others. As people who love one another – we use hand sanitizer, wear a mask, refrain from hugging, stay 6 feet apart – not because we like it, but because we want to take no chances with the lives of others.



In our world filled with anxiety and stress, boiling over in violence and anger: the words of our Lord echo even more loudly – Love One Another! Be patient, kind, don't hold grudges, be slow to anger, always think of the 'other' before you think of yourself.



to each and everyone one of you who have walked, and continue to walk this road with us. Thank you for learning how to use zoom, for sending cards, checking on each other, for mowing lawns, recording special music, cleaning our churches and the list goes on. Thank you for being amazing and generous people of God.

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HIGHLAND UNITED



July	3	Crea Clark	
	5	Jessica Bryson	
	6	Brenda Cook	
	15	Joseph Frank	ANNIVERSARIES
		Joan Brodisch	
	16	Drew Hockley	July 16 Adam and Adrienne Smith
	18	William Brodisch	20 Joseph and Gail Frank
	22	Jeniffer Bates	William and Melissa Neidigh
	23	Pat McGowan	
	25	William Baker	
		Allen Hall	
	29	Cash Bryson	

In order to return to public worship safely, the session has outlined the following precautions: 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. 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:am. 6. **Offering plates** will be placed multiple locations for you to deposit your envelopes. 7. **Passing of the peace** will take place from our seats with hand waves and Pastor Nancy is going to teach us to sign ‘peace be with you.’ 8. **Lector** will use pulpit mike. Pastor Nancy will not stand in the pulpit, but only use her headset and the front pew. 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 you will be dismissed from back to front.



HIGHLAND NOW HAS ON-LINE GIVING: In the coming days you will be hearing about the opportunity for on-line giving at HUPC. For many people writing checks is a thing of the past and with now being a ‘virtual’ church, the session decided to offer this opportunity. Either via email or regular mail you will/have received information about how to give on line. If you have any questions please contact: Kathy Smith or Bill McHenry.

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES:

General Fund

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



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Doris LaForce

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Nancy Sweger

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July Liturgists: 5 Ton Ulsh 12 Sharon Delancey 19 Lori Comp 26 Tom Ulsh

July Greeters: 5 Donald McClure 12 Sharon Delancey 19 Nancy Sweger
26 Linda Sanderson

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.



Congregational Conversation in the Pavilion: the congregation will gather on July 12th at 2:30pm to continue our conversation about how we move forward with the ministry of our church. All active members are encouraged to attend. Bring and chair and a cool drink and join us!



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 and at home and join in the zoom service at 10am.

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Michelle Parks

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Dick Crozier

JR Bair

Rachel Dowling

Roger Parks

Shade Parks

Jane Shirk

Michael Stoner

WESTMINSTER UNITED

July Birthdays: 5 Bret Satzler **9** Jan Manbeck **10** BJ Doray **13** Jessica Fisher
20 Tristan Digon **21** Minna Digon **25** Emily Book **26** Jackie Wilt, Drew Geede

July Anniversaries: NONE



In accordance with the CDC the session has outlined to following pre-cautions 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:am.
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



Since we are unable to have children's Sunday School during the summer that doesn't mean we've forgotten about them! A NEW PROGRAM CALLED "GO" will be used during the children's sermon time in the sanctuary. It will combine a children's sermon and then some age appropriate activities that children can do right in the sanctuary. The GO sheets will be placed in various locations in the sanctuary so children can get them.

JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED



BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING: The Bazaar Committee will be holding a meeting/work session on Monday, July 13 in Clark Hall at 9:00 a.m. We will be working as a group, painting rocks, assembling greeting cards and anything else you wish to bring along for all to work on. If anyone has black Acrylic paint they would be willing to share and paint brushes for detail painting. One member will be showing us how to make a cloth garland. So if you can tie a knot, you can help. Please consider joining us for a morning of fun and fellowship. Maybe you are not crafty, but you are just missing everyone. Join us please. Any questions or suggestion, please call Joyce at 717-636-0992.



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.

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.

JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED



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, Mary Sanders, Jamie Miller, Kathy Miller, Mindy Rhoades, Roger Musselman, Eugene Jones, Steve Graham, Bob Sweger, Deanna Dare, Paul Kautzer, David Foose, Robbie Lauver, Jared Vento, Jan Landis, Barry Cornell, Eddi Kay Gill, Dan and Jane Zumbro, Eleanor Stallman, Josie Abram, Jody Satzler, Justin Dobson, Jerry Tressler, Teri Tressler, Sue Henderson, Tom Harren, George Yohn, Bob Mikesell, Angie Sieber, Jane Fogleman (sister-in-law of Eddi Kay Gill), Fran Wentz and Tana Wentz (Mother and Aunt of Cindy McHenry), Dennis Tressler, Jane Ann Baney, and Bob Miller.



As we move into a new phase of our journey we're going to put together THREE coffee hours in July – they will be outside. One will be held at the Highland Church in the Pavilion, one will be held at Perry Valley in the Pavilion and one will be held on the side lawn at Westminster. You are asked to bring your own beverage and a lawn chair. We will socially distance and you may wear a mask if you would like. If we have to move inside because of weather, masks will be required. **YOU MAY COME TO ANY OR ALL OF THE COFFEE HOUR/FELLOWSHIP TIMES.** Dates are as follows:

Westminster:	9:30am	July 8 th
Highland:	9:30am	July 14 th
Perry Valley	9:30am	July 16 th

JVSM JULY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Session at HUPC 6:30	2	3	4 Holiday
5 Adult Sunday School Zooming 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:00 a.m.	6	7 Arthritis Foun- dation 10:30— 11:30 (HUPC)	8 W/M— HUPC 5:00 Highland	9	10 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC)	11 Zoom Bible Study
12 Adult Sunday School Zooming 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:00 a.m. Congregational Conversation (PV) 2:30	13	14 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC) Trustees (WPC) 6:-00	15	16	17 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC)	18 Zoom Bible Study
19 Adult Sunday School Zooming 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:00 a.m.	20	21 Arthritis Foun- dation 10:30— 11:30 (HUPC)	22 Session (WPC) 6:30	23	24 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC)	25 Zoom Bible Study
26 Adult Sunday School Zooming 9:00 a.m. Zoom Worship 10:00 a.m.	27	28 Arthritis Foun- dation 10:30— 11:30 (HUPC)	29	30	31 Arthritis Foundation 10:30—11:30 (HUPC)	

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

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

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