

# THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

### “MAYBE GIVING UP CHOCOLATE ISN’T ENOUGH”

This is the final line of our Ash Wednesday Drama. We are moving into the season of Lent and more often than not we think about ‘giving something up.’ That becomes the focus of our Lenten season. We say, perhaps with a hint of pride, I gave up.....

LENT IS NOT ABOUT GIVING SOMETHING UP. Lent is about refocusing, it’s about growing our relationship with God and preparing ourselves to remember the ‘much too high a price’ that was paid, that we might have this amazing new life in Christ. The churches of the shared ministry are putting into place many opportunities for you to worship, study and serve as we go through the Lenten season. It all begins February 17<sup>th</sup>!



February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in person at Highland and via zoom (same link as Sundays) we will hold an Ash Wednesday Service. The service will feature the drama “Going Deeper,” where we will meet Alan who needs to learn what Lent is all about. And we follow his journey as his friends help him find his way.



Each Sunday in Lent worship will be held in-person at Highland (9:30) and at Westminster (11). Worship will also be available via zoom each Sunday at 9:30. Every Sunday in Lent, we will meet up with Alan as he continues his journey.



Beginning February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am you are invited to join us for our Lenten Bible Study via zoom. We will be focusing on a book entitled “The Walk.” We will be talking about FIVE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. If you would like a book please contact Pastor Nancy asap so it can be ordered for you.



A big part of our Lenten Season is following Christ’s example and going to the “least of these.” Several things are going on that we invite you to participate in:

February 19<sup>th</sup> Meals to teachers in Greenwood and Newport  
Help may be needed in the kitchen, baking cakes and boxing up food. Please contact Kathy Smith or Janice Zaring if you are able to help.

Our youth and children at both churches are making Valentine’s day cards for nursing home residents and they’ve got more outreach planned as we head toward Easter.

Westminster is gearing up to reach out to teachers, nursing home staff and residents in the coming weeks. Details of when and how you can help will be shared in the bulletin as plans are made.

**THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED:**

Highland Deacons are doing their GIFTS FROM THE HEART project again this year. You can donate goods to the Perry County Food Bank by dropping them off in the church on Sundays and during Linda’s office hours. Also during the week of February 14<sup>th</sup> the bin will be outside the doors of the church and you can do a DRIVE BY DONATION on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 8-5pm.



Many of our church family will be zooming through Lent. On a separate page of this newsletter you will find a LENT AT HOME column, which will help you prepare to walk through Lent even while we are zooming. It is my prayer that whether it be in person or on-line, that we might enter this Lenten Season with our hearts open to all that God would do IN us and THOUGH us.

*God Bless, Pastor Nancy*

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**ELDERS ON SESSION**

Donald Barlup

Cindy McHenry

Nancy Campbell

Janice Zaring

Kathy Smith

Joyce Heintzelman

James Turner

Patricia Shutt

Cecile Willet

**HIGHLAND UNITED**



Feb. 2	Janice Zaring	18	Lucy Pascoe
	Logan Bates	19	Peggy Tressler
3	Linda MacAskill	23	Tripp Bryson
	Stephen Adams	25	Adam Smith
11	Kathy Smith	26	Melissa Neidigh
	Ava Barlup	28	Henry Barlup
12	Lori Little		
15	Emma Babski		
17	Bill Buffington		
			<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
		Feb.	<b>NONE</b>



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## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

### HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES:



**DEACONS**

Darlene Adams

Linda Bitting

Jessica Bryson

Becky Wudtke

Kim Drum

Austin Neidigh

Elaine Buffington

Courtney Archibald

Karen Turner

	<u>Date</u>	<u>G. Fund</u>	<u>B. Fund</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>K. Ministry</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>
	12/22/20	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,715.00
	12/27/20	\$ 570.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 725.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 3,870.00</b>	<b>\$ 480.00</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,440.00</b>

**Per Capita Assessment for 2020 is for 111 members @ \$27.20/member-\$3,019.20.  
Total given for 2020—\$606.54.**

**DECEMBER MISSIONS    Bethesda Mission—\$75.00**  
**NOVEMBER MISSIONS    Perry County Food Bank—\$195.00**



The Highland Deacons are planning for our annual GIFTS FROM THE HEART ministry. The collection bin will be outside the front door on Feb 16, 18, 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or you can bring things into the church anytime during the month of February. Thank you!

**SOUP FOR SALE:** Highland is selling the following: Soups—Turkey Corn and Ham and Bean for \$6.00 each. Please see Linda Bitting or Kathy Smith if you would to purchase any soup.

### WESTMINSTER UNITED

**Feb.. Birthdays:** 6 Joe Benner 9 Robbie Lauver 15 Richard Swab  
Vera Zimmerman 16 Jessen Abram 22 Osirius Digon

**Feb. Anniversaries:** NONE

**WESTMINSTER**

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Diane Marshall

**ELDERS ON**

**SESSION**

Aaron Geedey

Shelly Horning

Deb Heisey

Diane Marshall

Jan Manbeck

Gabe Book

Kathy Brown

**DEACONS**

BJ Doray

Chris Fisher

Barbara Koppenhaver

Marie McNaight

Michelle Parks

Beth Stoner

**TRUSTEES**

JR Bair

Dick Crozier

Jane Shirk

**OUTREACH TO OUR COMMUNITY: ANYONE NEEDING MEALS FOR SHUT-INS, PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE DEACONS**



**MISSION FOR FEBRUARY:** Central Juniata EMS, 47 Cjems Lane, Mifflintown, PA 17059.



**ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, PAPER TOWELS, COUGH DROPS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ANY CLEANING ITEM. DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!**



The manse committee is at work. Drawing up possible deed restrictions if we would choose to sell the manse, working on land subdivision and seeking God's guidance as to the future of our manse. The manse committee is made up of : Jan Manbeck (session), Dick Crozier (trustees), Dave Doray and Connie Benner (congregation). We will keep you posted as we move through this process.

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**THANK YOU** to my church families at Westminster and Highland/Perry Valley. Your caring, support, prayers, food, cards, calls, flowers, and memorials have touched my heart so much. My husband, Fred, is now once again a whole person in mind and body, he's now with our God. Thank you also to Pastor Nancy for her prayers and words to my family and me. Blessings to each of you.

Diane Marshall and Family

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank all my church friends at Westminster for the beautiful poinsettia that I received at Christmas time. It really brightened our Christmas. Thank you Jill for delivering it!

With Warmest Regards,

Thelma Patton



**THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!** We are all missing each other and need time to talk and hang out with our church family. So..we are trying something new: the third Wednesday of each month we will be gathering in a social distanced, small group for a time of fellowship. Coffee and hot water will be provided.

Please bring your own breakfast food and if you want, you can bring a goodie to share. **OUR FIRST BREAKFAST CLUB** is February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Come join us!

## JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY



### February Lenten Calendar



February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Service In person at Highland and via zoom	7:00 p.m.
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Meals to Teachers in NSD and GWSD	
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Bible Study – The Walk	8:30 a.m. via zoom
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lent I Worship	9:30 a.m. in person at HUPC and via zoom 11:00 a.m. in person WUPC
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Bible Study	8:30am via zoom
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lent II - Communion HUPC	9:30 a.m. in person at HUPC and via zoom 11:00 a.m. in person WUPC

## JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED

### LENT AT HOME



If you are one of our church family who will be zooming worship, Bible study or other Lenten activities here are some things you can do to set up a worship space and create a special time as you worship.

1. For Ash Wednesday: we normally do imposition of ashes. Since we can't do that in our traditional way, during that time in the service choose your favorite scented oil, perfume or olive oil and place the cross on your own forehead at the appropriate time.
2. The Communion (Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday) have your own 'bread' and 'cup' prepared.
3. Create your own Lenten wreath: place 6 candles in your worship space and blow them out one by one with us, as we blow one out each Sunday of Lent.
4. If you want to help with outreach projects we will be letting you know how you can participate by 'dropping off' various items, receive packets of cards to send out or participate in small, socially distanced groups to pack up food, make cards, and for a time of fellowship.

Of course, we look forward to the time when we can all be together again, but until that time, these are just a few of the things you can do as you do Lent at Home.



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## JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY CONTINUED



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

Colton Cook, Peg Tressler, Sherry Rolston, Robert Rolston, Jason Barlup, David Foose, Robbie Lauver, Barry Cornell, Eddi Kay Gill, Eleanor Stallman, George Yohn, Bob Mikesell, Glenda Dillman, Mark Campbell, Jane Fogleman, Jane Shirk, Norma Parker, Joe Benner, Rich Brunner, Bob Gill, Beatty Family, Marshall Family, Elaine Buffington, Lori Leach and Steve Adams.

### PASTOR NANCY'S OFFICE HOURS

1st and 3rd week (Tuesday and Thursday) at Highland United  
 2nd and 4th week (Thursday only) at Highland United

1st and 3rd week (Wednesday only) at Westminster  
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### SECRETARY'S HOURS:

Highland United:	Tuesday 8:00-12:00	Thursday 8:00-2:00	Friday 8:00-12:00
Westminster:	Wednesday 8:00-5:00	Friday 7:30-12:30	

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART**...The Deacons of Highland United are collecting food for the Food Bank during the month of February. There is great need in our community – children; adults – who are in need of food provided by the Food Bank. You can **DROP OFF DONATIONS** in our beautifully decorated bin – any Sunday, Tuesday 8-12 pm, Thursday 8 – 2 pm and Friday 8-12 pm. The bin will also be outside the front door for ‘no contact’ drop off February 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 5 pm. Any items will be accepted but the following items are the most needed:

Cereal of any kind, Canned Soup, Peanut Butter (plastic containers), Jelly (plastic containers), Pastas Canned meats (Spam, tuna, chicken etc.), Canned Veggies, Canned fruits, Skillet dinners (Hamburger helper etc.), Side dish packets (Ricearoni etc.), Ready to eat pasta in a can (Beefaroni, Spaghetti O's etc.), Brownie and cake mixes, Pancake mix and syrup



## JVSM FEBRUARY CALENDAR

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Worship/ Mission HUPC Zoom 6:00</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Bible Study— 8:30 a.m. ZOOM</i>
<i>7</i> <i>HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Tai Chi 10:00-11:00 Deacons 6:00 (W)</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Tai Chi 10:00- 11:00</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>NO BIBLE STUDY</i>
<i>14</i> <i>HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Tai Chi 10:00-11:00  Session 6:30 HUPC Zoom  Finance Com. 1:00 (W)</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Ash Wednes- day Service 7:00 HUPC and Zoom</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Tai Chi 10:00-11:00</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Bible Study— 8:30 a.m. ZOOM</i>
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<i>28</i> <i>HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 WUPC Worship via ZOOM 9:30 WUPC Sunday School 9:30 WUPC Worship 11:00</i>						

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