

# THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



As I write this page we are heading toward the third Sunday of Lent and many opportunities are available for worship, learning and serving over the next few weeks. I'll be honest with you Lent is my favorite season of the church year. It reminds me of who I am in Christ, the extent to which God has shown His love for me and it affirms the power and victory of our God over the worst that can happen to us. So what's happening the next few weeks?

Let me fill you in!



Each Sunday during Lent we will continue with Alan (Highland)/Elaine (Westminster) as he/she travels through Lent, trying to figure out what it all means. Coming scenes include: "Choose Love or..." and "What Cross?" and "Who is Christ." I am so grateful to our actors who bring these scenes to life each Sunday.

Sermons



Also, each Sunday in Worship we'll be continuing our sermon series on Lenten/Easter hymns. Some of the hymns coming up are: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, The Old Rugged Cross and Jesus Christ is Risen Today."



As Christians, truly seeking to follow in God's ways, the question we often ask is: how do I know what God wants me to do. Unfortunately God does not text or tweet or even email. So how do we know what God wants us to do? It is through His Word – the Bible. Each Saturday we are looking at specific ways we can deepen our connection to God. We are using the book "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton. We meet at 8:30 via zoom or a small group of us are gathered at Newport Family Restaurant. All are welcome.



**Another big part of Lent is following in Christ's ways and reaching out and serving others.** Highland Church has taken the form of preparing lunch for the teachers at Newport School district and collecting food for the food bank.

At Westminster we have been busy making St. Patrick's Day cards for the residents at Locust Grove, collecting item for gift baskets for the housekeeping and dietary staff at Locust Grove and beginning to plan for our neighborhood summer program.



Music is a big part of the Lenten Season and we are excited to have the Highland Bell choir joining us throughout the season and to have soloists sing for us. We continue to be thankful for Wendy Levin, Peg Tressler and Wendy Brunner who share with us their gift of music.

**THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED:**



**LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK:** March 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship at Highland 9:30am Zoom worship 11:00am Worship at Westminster



Our Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, our service will be at Westminster United at 7pm. Communion will be included in the service. Before the service, Westminster is hosting a BYOB dinner. Bring your own bag. You are invited to bring your dinner with you and Westminster will provide coffee and other beverages. Masks are to be worn unless you are eating and seating will be limited so we can socially distance.



**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

7:00AM Sunrise Worship at Highland 9:00AM Worship at Highland and Zoom  
11:00AM Worship at Westminster

Wow! Come journey with us to the cross and to the tomb!

*Pastor Nancy*

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Donald Barlup

Cindy McHenry

Nancy Campbell

Janice Zaring

Kathy Smith

Joyce Heintzelman

James Turner

Patricia Shutt

Cecile Willet

**HIGHLAND UNITED**



Mar. 6	Jessica Barlup David Miller	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
11	Patrick McIntyre	
13	Nancy Campbell Geoff Drum	Mar. 8
20	Ava Smith	15
22	Landon Zaring Dana Bryan	29
28	Lexie Zaring	Larry and Patricia Shutt Charles and Glenda Dillman Dennis and Peg Tressler

**THE POWER OF FAITH:** My COVID journey began January 16th as I awoke with fever, chills and cough. A rapid COVID-19 test result was positive. I was prescribed medication that kept me stable till the 27th of January. My symptoms worsened as new ones developed. I became very scared when breathing became difficult. 911 was called and I was admitted to West Shore Pinnacle. Medical needs were met and difficult medication was administered. It was during this time I began praying to God to please carry me through this nightmare. My Mother-in-Law had passed away from COVID in December and I felt her and my Mother as my Angels with me at all times. I extended my hand to Jessica Bryson to please share some of her strength and courage with me. I could feel the presence of many Prayer Warriors surrounding me. This feeling stayed with me as my body began to heal and strength has continued to return. You—my church family—have prayerfully supported me. For that—I thank you. Prayer and faith are powerful. Strength and courage come through faith. My walk with God is powerful and greatful. Please be careful, smart and stay healthy.

Faithfully, Elaine Buffington

# 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>
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**THIS REPORT WILL BE UPDATED FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER!**

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

### MISSIONS MISSIONS

### **BIBLE STUDY:**

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

**MISSION/CARING CRAFTERS:** There will be a meeting for the Mission/Caring Crafters at 10:00 a.m. in Clark Hall on March 15. If you are unable to attend and would still like information, please see Janice Zaring.

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED



### LENTEN CHILDREN'S SERMON BAGS

Over the last few weeks, each Sunday, when our children arrive for church they have received a baggie filled with some interesting snacks. These snacks are being used as symbols to help the children learn about Lent. So far we've had a pretzel remind us to pray and gold fish that help us remember who Jesus is. What's going to pop up next week? Drop by on Sunday and find out!

AT ITS LAST MEETING the session received Sally and Frank Tengeres into membership at Highland United. Sally and Frank previously worshipped at the Perry Valley Church.



**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

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### WESTMINSTER

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#### SESSION

Aaron Geedey

Shelly Horning

Deb Heisey

Diane Marshall

Jan Manbeck

Gabe Book

Kathy Brown

## WESTMINSTER UNITED

**Mar. Birthdays:** 4 Kathie Eichenberger, Amelia Book 13 Gabe Book  
15 Mike Stoner 17 Norma Parker 27 Cassett Trout

**Mar. Anniversaries:** 16 Paul and Jackie Wilt

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

### WESTMINSTER UNITED CONTINUED

**DEACONS**

- BJ Doray
- Chris Fisher
- Barbara Koppenhaver
- Marie McNaight
- Michelle Parks
- Beth Stoner
- TRUSTEES**
- JR Bair
- Dick Crozier
- Jane Shirk
- Mike Stoner
- Petey Swab
- Rich Swab

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

**MISSION**



**MISSION FOR MARCH/APRIL:** Our mission is the Pet Pantry. The pet pantry supports pet owners in providing food for their pets in these hard financial times.



**BASKETS FOR LOCUST GROVE STAFF . . .**the Deacons are coordinating the creation of baskets to go to the Housekeeping/Maintenance and Dietary staff at Locust Grove. We are asking you to join us in offering support to these front line workers by donating items to go in the baskets: snack items like small bags of chips, small packages of crackers, candy bars, small bags of nuts and pretty much snack size everything. Please have donations to the church by March 28<sup>th</sup>. They can be placed in the front pew by the organ, so they don’t get mixed up with food bank donations. Thank you!

## WESTMINSTER UNITED CONTINUED



While we are all hoping and praying for a time when we can see each other face to face, there are some in our church family who still need to remain in their homes staying safe. We continue to offer three different ways you can worship with us:

- \*in person worship at 11am in our sanctuary. If you are not in one of the high risk groups we encourage you join us at 11am. Please wear a mask and social distance.
- \*worship via zoom is at 9:30am using the same link we've used for the last year.
- \*if none of these options work, please contact Pastor Nancy and she will bring you a CD/DVD.



**OUR NEW BREAKFAST CLUB** is providing a time of fellowship for members of our church family. We have met twice and have been working on St. Patrick's Day Cards for the residents of Locust Grove. Initially we thought that we would meet once a month, but it looks like we will be meeting two times a month. Breakfast Club is meeting next on March 10<sup>th</sup> to finish up our cards and the March/April schedule will be set up at that time. **COME JOIN US!**



**THE MANSE COMMITTEE** has submitted a draft of property division and deed restrictions to the session. They approved that draft which is now being sent to the lawyer to put in legal-ese. Once that work is done, both of these items will be presented to the congregation. Member of the committee are: Dave Doray, Connie Benner, Dick Crozier and Jan Manbeck.



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### 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, Joseph Frank, Ron Roof (Don McClure’s cousin), Troy and Lori Little’s grandson Lucas, Mohler Family, Lori Leach, Allen Hall, Molly Ulsh (granddaughter of Tom and Gayle Ulsh) 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

## JVSM MARCH 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 and Zoom WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Tai Chi 10:00-11:00 Deacons 6:00 (W) Trustees (W) 1:00</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <i>Tai Chi 10:00- 11:00</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</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 and Zoom WUPC Sunday School 9:30 WUPC Worship 11:00</i>						



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