

THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



— THE STORY IS DONE! IT'S OVER, THE TOMB IS EMPTY! JESUS IS ALIVE!

It all began back in November with the Advent season – Jesus is born! The story continued during the winter as heard Jesus teach, saw the miracles he performed. We related to the disciples who struggled to come to grips with who they thought Jesus should be and who Jesus really was. We understood their puzzlement, their amazement, their doubt.

We sat with them at the last supper – asking it is I? Would he betray Christ in some way?
We went to the Garden of Gethsemane and heard him cry out: please take this cup from me!
We stood back and watched Peter deny Him three times, assuring ourselves we would never do that?

We stood at the cross – stunned with grief as we watched him die and for three days we hid in our confusion and our grief.

AND THEN IT ALL CHANGED...a garden tomb, a stone rolled away, the words of an angel:

HE IS NOT HERE HE IS RISEN!

The news spread and grief was replaced with shocked joy! He's alive!

WHAT A GREAT ENDING TO THE STORY! Seriously cool! Good wins over evil. Love wins!

BUT GUESS WHAT???????

The story isn't over! The disciples slowly came out of hiding. They saw Jesus and received the beginning of a new chapter in the story: GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES!

And they continued to write the story. The story of a people who believed that God had done something amazing. That through Jesus God had ushered in a new way of living, a new way of loving. Radical to the extreme: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS! LOVE YOUR ENEMIES! LOVE GOD!

Through the life, death and resurrection of the child born in a manger, the teacher who healed and shocked so many, through His death and resurrection, the story continues to unfold. Not just through the disciples, but through you and me.

WE ARE WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER...how will we love our neighbors, how will we love our enemies, how will we love God? How will our churches change the lives of those who are still in bondage to fear, doubt and loneliness?

ASK YOURSELF...what will you contribute to the story? How will your words, your attitudes, your actions write the next chapter?

WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE! HE HAS RISEN? The opening sentence of another great chapter – what will we write?

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Courtney Archibald

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HIGHLAND UNITED



		ANNIVERSARIES	
April	2	Jesse Neidigh	
	3	Gayle Ulsh	
	5	Charlotte Frerotte	
	12	Sherry Rolston	Apr. 1 Gary and Sharon Heller
	20	Elaine Buffington	26 Max and Carol Kauffman
		Matthew Bates	
		Darlene Adams	
	22	Lori Comp	
	23	Christopher Bates	
		Troy Little	
	26	Lee Kraft	
		William Neidigh	
	28	Brenda Mayer	
	29	Sharon Heller	
	30	Michelle Byers	

THANK YOU: To my church family. Thank you for all your prayers and cards. I am truly grateful to each of you, with that said, after my test result on March 9th, **I AM CANCER FREE!** Thank you sincerely, Robert Rolston.

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.

INDOOR YARD SALE: Mission Committee is having an indoor yard sale Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22. We will be working in Clark Hall starting Sunday, May 16—May 20 setting up. Mostly in the mornings. All help is greatly appreciated any day any time. If you have anything to donate do not bring until at least Sunday evening May 16 but no later than Wednesday evening May 19. Nothing will be excepted after Wednesday. Any questions call Janice Zaring at 717-567-2201.

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES:



Date G. Fund B. Fund Mission K. Ministry Per Capita

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.

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FREE LIBRARY: The Mission Committee is building a “free library” in late spring. If anyone has any children or adult hard back books in good condition/or new and would like to donate please see Janice Zaring.

LINDA HOUSE MISSION MOMENT—APRIL: Linda House is a transitional housing program that serves victims of Domestic Violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, dating violence and stalking. Victims living in Perry County and Northern Dauphin are eligible for this service. Linda House is a 6 month to 2 year program. The Linda House case manager will provide the following (but not limited to) services: individual/group counselling, employment assistance, advocacy, transportation, medical, legal and police station transportation accompaniments, protection orders, information and referrals, safety planning etc. Linda House follows a trauma—informed, survivor centered, voluntary service model. All services are free and confidential. The telephone number is 1-800-654-1211.

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

RELAY FOR LIFE UPDATE: It is with heavy hearts that the Perry County Relay for Life Committee made the difficult decision this year to end the Perry County relay for Life indefinitely. After having a meeting with the American Cancer Society Representative, the committee felt that our needs and questions were not being answered. The ACS has made several changes over the past few years that have many of us concerned in the direction the ACS is going. This year, due to COVID they have decided to focus their energy on other means of fundraising since the Relays are still unable to be in person. As a committee we have noticed a decline in attendance over the past several years and felt that after 25 years it was time to say goodbye.

I would like to personally thank everyone who helped make Team Praying for a Cure a success. Without you I couldn't have done it. I have been a part of the Relay for Life for 18 years and it was definitely a difficult decision to walk away but this will allow me to focus my time and energy on something new. I know many of you donated to our annual yard sale already. I would like you to know that we have decided to still have the yard sale and the funds will be going to the church/mission committee.

Sincerely, Jessica Bryson

WESTMINSTER UNITED

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Diane Marshall

April Birthdays: 6 Bonnie Cook 12 Nancy Dolin 14 Mike Stringer
19 Caden Geedey

April Anniversaries: 4 Rich and Janice Swab 14 Mike and Beth Stoner,
Jeff and Joy Abram 16 Bill and Kathie Eichenberger

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING: 1st Sunday School Offering for April is Camp
Krislund.

WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR LAILEI when she goes for her next eye surgery in Pittsburgh. Lailei is Jossie Geedey's cousin. Some ideas for things for a basket are: Fruity Pebble or Rice Krispie treats, puff'n corn, water, BBQ chips, farm toy, Barbies, and puzzles. We are collecting for 2 weeks. Items need to be in the church by **April 18th.**

WESTMINSTER UNITED CONTINUED

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
- Mike Stoner
- Petey Swab
- Rich Swab

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ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, CLEANING SUPPLIES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH SOAP, ALL-PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS. DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!



MISSION FOR APRIL: Mifflin/Juniata County Pet Pantry



To everyone who donated to our basket ministry to the kitchen/cleaning/maintenance teams at Locust Grove. We filled a whole pew with goodies! Thank you for your generosity.

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.

WOW!

WAY OUT WEDNESDAYS is coming! After a year break due to COVID, our summer neighborhood ministry is back with a new name. We have really great things planned including an outreach to North St. Manor and the 911 center. In addition we have a scavenger hunt and a magician scheduled. Program is open to all in K-6th grade. Children not yet in K are welcome as long as a parent stays with them. **YOU CAN HELP:** Beth Stoner will be looking for donations for snacks for the program, some of our planning team will be asking for your help in other ways. Please help us make a difference in our community. The planning team is: Jody Satzler, Deb Heisey, Beth Stoner, Jan Manbeck.



MANSE SUBCOMMITTEE is continuing to serve our church by taking the deed restrictions to the lawyer, working with our real estate agent and with session approval responding to any offers that may come in. Slowly the pieces are coming together so that we are able to entertain offers with both buyer and seller being aware of the needs and concerns of the church. Please continue to pray for this committee.

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Please keep in prayer our church members and our friends:

Colton Cook, Peg Tressler, Sherry 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, Troy and Lori Little's grandson Lucas, Lori Leach, Allen Hall, Molly Ulsh (granddaughter of Tom and Gayle Ulsh), Steve and Gail Campbell, Marjory Miller, Newborn Archer Killian Prutz, Diana Weikel, Pam Robb, Cindy McHenry's Father, Amy Kenavan 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

CHURCH PEWS: I received a call from Dave Patton regarding church pews from the old Millerstown Presbyterian Church in Millerstown. The church was bought by the Dentist in Millerstown, Dr. Josh McMillan. He stated he did not want the pews. Anyone who would like one of the pews please contact Dave Patton at 717-589-3323.

JVSM APRIL CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Tai Chi</i> 10:00- 11:00	2	3 <i>Bible Study—</i> 8:30 a.m. <i>ZOOM</i>
4 <i>HUPC Adult SS 8:30</i> <i>HUPC Worship 9:30</i> <i>and Zoom</i> <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i> <i>9:30 SS (W)</i>	5	6 <i>Deacons</i> 6:00 (W)	7 <i>Worship/</i> <i>Music (H) Zoom</i> 6:00	8	9	10 <i>NO BIBLE</i> <i>STUDY</i>
11 <i>HUPC Adult SS 8:30</i> <i>HUPC Worship 9:30</i> <i>and Zoom</i> <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i> <i>9:30 SS (W)</i>	12	13 <i>Session</i> 6:30 <i>HUPC -</i> <i>In Person</i> <i>Trustees (W)</i> 1:00	14 <i>Finance</i> <i>Com. 1:00 (W)</i>	15	16	17 <i>Bible Study—</i> 8:30 a.m. <i>ZOOM</i>
18 <i>HUPC Adult SS 8:30</i> <i>HUPC Worship 9:30</i> <i>and Zoom</i> <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i> <i>9:30 SS (W)</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Bible</i> <i>Study—8:30 a.m.</i> <i>ZOOM</i>
25 <i>HUPC Adult SS 8:30</i> <i>HUPC Worship 9:30</i> <i>and Zoom</i> <i>WUPC Sunday School</i> <i>9:30</i> <i>WUPC Worship 11:00</i> <i>9:30 SS (W)</i>	26	27	28 <i>Session (W)</i> 6:30	29	30	

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