

# THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

If you have enough faith life will be easy.

If you face challenges in health, finances, relationships it must mean you don't have enough faith.

If I weren't a Pastor I'd use very strong language to describe my reaction to thoughts like this. There is NOTHING IN THE BIBLE THAT SAYS IF WE HAVE FAITH LIFE WILL BE A BED OF ROSES.

In fact, quite the opposite is true. The Bible says, as we walk in faith there will be challenges, pain and disappointment. Think about it for a minute:

- think of Peter who died on a cross for his faith
- think of Paul who was imprisoned, beaten and finally died because of his faith in Christ
- think of Bishop Polycarp who was burned to death
- think of Jesus who hung on a cross.

This past week one of the members from Westminster share this from their devotions with me. This person was experiencing frustration, exhaustion, anger and a whole lot of other things at the time. Then they read this:

“Thank me for all the challenges in your life. They are gifts from Me – opportunities to grow stronger and more dependent on Me. Challenging circumstances highlight your neediness and help you rely on My infinite sufficiency.

When circumstances are tough and you rise to the occasion, trusting in Me, you are blessed. It's exhilarating to get through challenges that you thought were too much for you. When you do in reliance on Me, our relationship grows stronger.

Your success in handling difficulties also increases your sense of security. You gain confidence that **you and I together can cope with whatever hard times the future my bring.** You are ready for anything and equal to anything through the One who infuses inner strength into you. Rejoice in My sufficiency.”

How many of us have experienced this? In the most difficult and painful moments in our lives God meets us there? God carries us and leads us through those times and our faith in God grows and deepens. I encourage you to be aware of the people around you – be aware of when times for them might be hard. Stand beside them. Listen to them. Love them. Because quite often God uses us to be love and strength to others.

Pastor Nancy

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Linda Bitting

Jessica Bryson

Becky Wudtke

Kim Drum

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Elaine Buffington

Courtney Archibald

Karen Turner

**HIGHLAND UNITED**

June		Anniversaries
4	Richard Brunner	
5	Gary Heller	
8	Karen Turner	June 6
11	Aiken Smith	9
15	Elaine Hardie	11
18	Frank Tengeres	15
19	Audrey Frerotte	16
24	Nancy Sweger	19
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**THE LATEST HIGHLAND HAPPENINGS**

There is so much going on at Highland that we want you to celebrate with us!

\*The yard sale held on May 21-22 raised over \$2000 that will go to various outreach projects at Highland United.

\*Check out our Little Library that is now back by the playground. Thank you to Marvin Zaring who built our library and Janice Zaring and the mission committee who have been the driving force behind this outreach.

\*In addition to a new roof this summer, Pastor Nancy's office will also be painted and get a re-design on it. Her desk from Perry Valley is already in the office.

\*We have an angel who quietly works behind the scenes to keep our gardens beautiful. Next time you see Lee Kraft thank her!

\*Plans are being made to bring the bell from Perry Valley over to Highland to join the bells from Newport and Millerstown. Also the oil lamp from Perry Valley will be mounted in the foyer to join our lights from Newport and Millerstown.

\*Please make sure the thank Pat Shutt and the Worship Committee, along with Joyce Heintzelman, Becky Wudtke, Bill McHenry and Peg Tressler for their work on our Veteran's celebration.

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

**HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES:**



<u>Date</u>	<u>G. Fund</u>	<u>B. Fund</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>K. Ministry</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Totals</u>
03/07/21	\$ 2,482.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 77.16	\$ 2,994.16
03/14/21	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 54.40	\$ 1,950.40
03/21/21	\$ 617.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 51.16	\$ 668.16
03/28/21	\$ 2,158.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,355.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 6,947.00</b>	<b>\$ 615.00</b>	<b>\$ 205.00</b>	<b>\$ 18.00</b>	<b>\$ 182.72</b>	<b>\$ 7,967.72</b>

Per Capita Assessment for 2021 is for 116 members @ \$27.26/member-\$3,162.16.  
 Total given for 2021—\$610.94.

**MARCH MISSIONS** Newport Fire Company—\$205.00

**FEBRUARY MISSIONS** Joins Hands of Perry County —\$194.00



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**FREE LIBRARY:** The mission committee is going to launch a story time open to the public starting hopefully mid June. It will be held at our “free library “ on Monday’s 10am. We are seeking individuals to read 2-3 books to the children and mission will have prepackaged snacks available. If you would be interested in reading a time or two or in donating prepackaged individual snacks please contact Janice Zaring.

**GLOSSY MAGAZINES ARE BACK:** Recycling of glossy magazines is now continued. Mission is collecting glossy magazines again which will be recycled into new magazines. A portion of the proceeds from each ton of paper goes directly to Ronald McDonald Houses. Since this program started in 2004 over \$371,000 had been raised. Let’s keep it going.

**JUNE MISSION MOMENT:** Newport Ministerium is a gathering of Pastors from several denominations working together to spread God’s love through outreach programs. They plan and co-ordinate midweek Lenten Bible Study gatherings and community Holy Week services. Gift cards to those in need to purchase food or gasoline through the Newport Assembly of God Office. Educational opportunities for Pastors including a seminar on Mental Health issues in our community and how the church can help are one example of the services provided. Since COVID gatherings and activities have been suspended, the food ministry is on-going. Hopefully The Perry Manor activities and lunches will resume.

**MISSION HARD AT WORK:** The week of May 16th was very busy for Highland’s mission team. We started Sunday unloading the garage and moving everything to Clark Hall. A special thanks to Debbie and Stu Kirk, Andrew and Matthew Bates, Tripp Bryson, and Marvin Zaring. This task alone took several hours. Then Monday—Thursday we started our day at 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. sorting, arranging, pricing. Again more wonderful volunteers: Debbie Kirk, Sherry Rolston, Lee Kraft, Peggy Tressler, Gail Frank, Betty Richard, Joyce Heintzelman, Jessica Bryson, Elaine Buffington, Abby Worthy, Lori Little, all the wonderful bakers who contributed items also. I hope I remembered everyone if not I’m truly sorry. We couldn’t have managed without all of you. In the end we raised \$2,139.00. We had all shoes, backpacks, some pocketbooks, Halloween costumes and more items — Free—we felt overwhelmed with amounts of items and knew there were a lot of people in need. It was very rewarding to see people getting items for little to nothing. Our sale was to start at 8:00 a.m. Friday morning. Our first customer was purchasing items at 6:50 a.m. Our days were busy. Again thank you everyone who worked and donated. Mission will let you know how the money is being spent after our meeting.

Janice Zaring



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### WESTMINSTER UNITED

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BJ Doray

Chris Fisher

Barbara Koppenhaver

Marie McNaught

Michelle Parks

Beth Stoner

**TRUSTEES**

JR Bair

Dick Crozier

Jane Shirk

Mike Stoner

Petey Swab

Rich Swab

**June Birthdays:** 1 Thelma Patton 2 Carson Horning 8 Eddi Kay Gill, Jody Satzler 9 Dan Brown 11 Jordan Abram 14 Nathan Stoner 15 Beth Stoner 24 Josslyn Geede 28 Paul Wilt 29 Margaret Bryner

**June Anniversaries:** 22 Brett and Jody Satzler 28 Terry and Nancy Dolin



### WESTMINSTER IS A BUSY PLACE!

- There is so much going on at Westminster this spring and summer!
- \*during the month of June the woodwork outside the church is going to be painted
- \*gutter and soffit issues are going to be worked on
- \*Way Out Wednesday begins June 9<sup>th</sup> with a huge neighborhood scavenger hunt and water balloons.
- \*We have raised over \$800 for the Ciecieski Family. Thank you!
- \*We are working to reestablish child care during worship, with the possibility of also providing a Sunday School-like program during worship in the Fall.



### MISSION FOR JUNE: Juniata County Library



ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, PAPER PRODUCTS, SUMMER BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM, SINGLE SERVE MEALS, JELLO CUPS, FRUIT CUPS, NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING AND SMALL BOXES OF RAISINS. DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!



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**THANK YOU:** On behalf of the River Church of Juniata County, our thanks to Westminster Presbyterian Church for your financial support of the Juniata County Golden Years Ministry. Your contribution is a blessing. Please pray for the individuals living in Nursing Care Facilities that they would have open hearts to Jesus Christ. Sincerely, Lisa Brubaker, Administrative Assistant

## WESTMINSTER UNITED CONTINUED



Have you noticed that we have been having some younger children joining us in worship on Sundays? This is so great! In order to support these families we would like to start offering child care in our children's Sunday School room during worship on Sunday mornings. The child care is available for children up to age 7, but there is some flexibility in that depending on the needs of the children. We would like to set this up as a rotation so no one will miss worship too often. We'd like to have two people for each Sunday – if two aren't needed they can return to worship. We are beginning to make plans for a fall launch of a Sunday School type program during this child care time for our children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. More about that in coming months. If you are willing to help care for the children of our church during worship please use the sign- up sheet found in the bulletin or contact Diane Marshall.



Our summer ministry, now called Way Out Wednesdays, or WOW begins in June. We're really excited to welcome the children of our church and community to our church. We've got cool things planned like: outreach to North St. Manor, thank you to 911 center, our wonderful magician will be back, and of course, water balloons and snacks. Please share the info about this great program with families with children K-6<sup>th</sup> grade.



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

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

Colton Cook, Peg Tressler, Sherry Rolston, Jason Barlup, Robbie Lauver, Barry Cornell, Eddi Kay Gill, Eleanor Stallman, George Yohn, Bob Mikesell, Glenda Dillman, Mark Campbell, Jane Fogleman, Jane Shirk, Joe Benner, Rich Brunner, Bob Gill, Lori Leach, Allen Hall, Molly Ulsh (granddaughter of Tom and Gayle Ulsh), Steve and Gail Campbell, Marjory Miller, Newborn Archer Killian Prutz, Cindy McHenry's Father, Charles Wentz, 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	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Worship/ Music in Clark Hall at 6:00</i>	3	4	5 <i>Bible Study @ Newport Fam. Restaurant @ 8:30 a.m.</i>
6 <i>HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom WUPC Worship 11:00 9:30 SS (W)</i>	7	8 <i>Trustees (W) 2:00</i>	9 <i>WOW (W) @ 1:00—2:30</i>	10	11	12 <i>Bible Study @ Hardings in Mifflin @ 8:30 a.m.</i>
13 <i>HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom WUPC Worship 11:00 9:30 SS (W)</i>	14	15 <i>Session 6:30 HUPC - In Person</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Bible Study @ Newport Fam. Restaurant @ 8:30 a.m.</i>
20 <i>Joint Service 10:00 a.m. Father's Day Wor- ship and Picnic @ Mif- flintown Playground BYOP—bring your own picnic. (NO ZOOM TO- DAY)</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26 <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>
27 <i>HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom WUPC Sunday School 9:30 WUPC Worship 11:00 9:30 SS (W)</i>	28	29	30 <i>Session (W) 6:30</i>			



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