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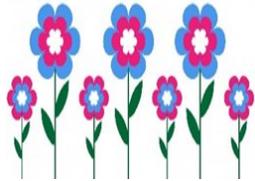
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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



I love flowers. I hate weeds. But sometimes we have to deal with the weeds to enjoy the flowers. Isn't that a lot like life, relationships...pretty much everything?

I have to admit there are times when my garden gets over run with weeds, because I just don't want to deal with them and before I know it the flowers have all but been taken over by the weeds. In the long run I've made the job a lot harder for myself by ignoring those weeds.

Over the last few weeks, the sermon series I've been preaching has been on building healthy relationships with the people in our lives. Let's face it relationships get weedy sometimes. We love the good things people do and say...but often we let ourselves focus on the weeds in each other. We are quicker to see the weeds, than the flowers.

We live in a time when people are very impatient with each other, judge each other, dismiss each other. If you aren't just like me: vote like me, talk like me, think like me, do things like me...then you are dismissed, gossiped about and shuttled aside.

In our sermons we've been reminded that in order to have healthy relationships we need to leave the past in the past (re-hashing it doesn't change it), we need to appreciate the gifts in each other and express that appreciation and finally we need to listen (with our eyes, our hearts and make the time to listen).

I saw something recently on facebook, that sort of ties in with all of this:

One day she realized she couldn't solve all the problems.

She could just do her best.

She wasn't perfect, but she sure did try.

She kept showing up, kept balancing.

She kept loving.

She learned to live with grace.

Grace for others.

Grace for herself.

Of course all the 'shes' in this poem could just as easily be 'hes' – the message rings true. All any of us can do is try to do our best. Keep showing up, keep trying, keep loving. And show grace (patience, understanding) to ourselves and to each other.

If we did just that...what a world it would be.

Pastor Nancy

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HIGHLAND UNITED



May 2	Jeffrey Zaring	13	Amber Wudtke
4	Stacey Butcher	14	Adalynn Smith
	Andrew Bates	19	Taylor McIntyre
5	Nicholas Brunner	23	Ted Furry
7	James Kenavan	24	Ken Willet
	Linda Sanderson	30	Robert Campbell
9	Kalyn Cook		Marvin Zaring
10	David Bryson		Pat Sowers
	Lucas Zaring		
	CJ Bryan		
12	Jason Barlup		
			ANNIVERSARIES
		May 1	Mark and Stacey Butcher
		8	David and Brenda Cook
		15	Robert and Pat Gross



You may not always see it – but a lot has been and is happening at Highland United this spring and summer. What’s been going on?

*The rugs in the sanctuary, classrooms, choir room, library and offices have all been cleaned. Thank to Joyce Heintzelman who made all the arrangements and Don Barlup, Jim Turner, Derek Cooney, Kathy Smith and others who moved furniture around and helped make this all possible.

*Sometime this spring we will be getting a brand new roof! So if you drive by and see all the activity you’ll know what’s going on.

*Did you know we are working on getting a free lending library out by the playground? The mission committee has been working hard to make this happen and have some exciting plans to welcome families and children onto our church grounds.

*YARD SALE is coming up on May 21st-22nd. Invite your friends, your neighbors and come on by and see what you can find. The money raised in this event will be used by the mission committee to care for our community.

*Celebrating our vets. May 30th is going to be a great day at Highland United. Joining with our sister church we are going to recognize and say thank you to our veterans. We will have a special service and coffee hour. If you know a vet who you’d like to have included please let Linda know.

*Been fishing lately? The children and youth of our Sunday School have a fishing derby going on during the month of May. They are inviting children to join them here at Highland for Sunday School and they earn ‘bait’ each time they bring a friend. At the end of the month they’ll go fishing for prizes.

And of course, we continue to gather weekly for worship via zoom or in person in the sanctuary. Also we have weekly Bible Study going on via zoom or in person.

THERE ARE GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT HIGHLAND!

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	<u>\$ 2,158.00</u>	<u>\$ 130.00</u>	<u>\$ 55.00</u>	<u>\$ 12.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,355.00</u>
TOTALS	\$ 6,947.00	\$ 615.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 182.72	\$ 7,967.72

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

MARCH MISSIONS Presbyterian Honduras Assistance—\$205.00

FEBRUARY MISSIONS Joins Hands of Perry County —\$194.00



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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.

MAY MISSION MOMENT: There may come a time in your life when you will need to call 911 for the ambulance to assist you in a medical crisis. Newport has two full time EMT’s during day time hours. The remainder of the staff is volunteers. This is a vital mission to support the well being of our community. They stand behind their mission as an ambulance emergency medical transport service which provides emergency ambulatory services to the community. Please donate generously in their support.

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

FISHING DERBY: It's May! Sunday School has a couple of items taking place: The Fishing Derby is kicking off! The rule for the derby is simple. Our youth will bring someone to Church or Sunday School that has not attended before. As they do this, they will receive more "bait" to encourage them to either bring someone new or to bring the same individual(s). Any donations geared toward the older class for "bait" is greatly appreciated. May 5th is Cinco de Mayo and May 9th is Mother's Day! The youth has decided to celebrate Mother's day by providing a mid-morning snack to the entire congregation. What will it be? Please plan to exit Church on Mother's day through Clark Hall to see what they have in store for you.



On May 30th we are joining with our sister church, Westminster United, to celebrate and say thank you to the men and women who have served our country. We will be gathering at Highland on May 30th for a service of celebration. Please get names of veterans from within our congregation and community to Linda in our office so we can personally invite them to the service and recognize them during the service.

SOUP FOR SALE: Highland is selling Ham and Bean soup 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.

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.

FOOD STAND: Highland is going to have a Food Stand for the Bill McHenry sale on May 15. We will be making soup on May 14 at 9:00 a.m. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Kathy Smith (717-645-1015)

THANK YOU: On behalf of my brothers and I, please know how profoundly touched we are by your care and thoughtful prayers extended to us as we deal with the sudden and unexpected loss of our Mother. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and the many uplifting sentiments expressed through cards, calls and personal outreach. Our hearts and minds are comforted to know we are surrounded by our Church family and we are blessed.

In Christ's Love,
Kim, Buddy and Geoffrey

WESTMINSTER UNITED

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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

May Birthdays: 3 Dick Crozier 6 Chris Fisher, Elsa Digon 7 Casey Satzler 8 Shade Parks 12 Marie McNaight 13 Shelly Horning 21 Nick Brown 22 JR Bair 29 Roger Parks

May Anniversaries: 14 Harry and Marie McNaight 15 John and Jane Shirk 21 Derek and Kerri Lentz

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT WESTMINSTER!!!



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*please get names of veterans from within our congregation and community to Judy in our office so we can personally invite them to the service and recognize them during the service.

*since some of our veterans and some of our older members are uneasy about driving to Newport we are asking for some of you to offer to bring folks up to Highland on May 30th. If you're willing to help out with this please contact Pastor Nancy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING— KRISLUND CAMP — RECEIPT OF CONTRIBUTION: The members of the Joint Camp and Conference Committee of the Presbyteries of Carlisle, Huntingdon and Northumberland, and the members of the Krislund Staff would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00 to the Annual Fund by check #1493 dated April 4, 2021. Please realize that any consideration provided to you by the Presbyteries for this gift consisted of intangible religious benefits; no other goods or services were provided to the donor. We are grateful for your thoughtful Christian stewardship to this camp ministry of the Presbyteries.

With gratitude,
Josh Boyd, Camp Director
Krislund Camp and Conference Center



MISSION FOR MAY: Juniata County Library

WESTMINSTER UNITED CONTINUED



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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 5th 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-6th grade.

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



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

JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY



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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, 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

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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 MAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>2 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom WUPC Worship 11:00 9:30 SS (W)</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 Deacons 6:00 (W)</i>	<i>5 Worship/Music (H) 6:00 in CH Deacons (H) 6:30 Zoom</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom WUPC Worship 11:00 9:30 SS (W)</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11 Session 6:30 HUPC - In Person Trustees (W) 2:00</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14 Public Sale Prep</i>	<i>15 Public Sale McHenry</i>
<i>16 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom WUPC Worship 11:00 9:30 SS (W) Yard Sale Prep</i>	<i>17 Yard Sale Prep</i>	<i>18 Yard Sale Prep</i>	<i>19 Yard Sale Prep</i>	<i>20 Yard Sale Prep</i>	<i>21 Yard Sale 8-5</i>	<i>22 Yard Sale 8-5</i>
<i>23 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>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26 Session (W) 6:30</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30 WE CELEBRATE OUR VETS! JOINT SERVICE TIME TBD</i>	<i>31</i>					

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