

THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

OCTOBER 2021

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"FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK"

A couple of Sundays ago we had popcorn in church! It was fun having people munch away while I preached. If you remember the popcorn was a way of illustrating that on that Sunday I was preaching a popcorn sermon – it jumped around a bit. All on one topic but jumped around none the less.

This is a popcorn FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK. You'll have to supply your own popcorn for this one. This one sort of jumps around and is based on questions that some folks have asked, so here goes.

WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT ORDERING A BOOK FOR WORSHIP?

We're trying something new at our churches to enhance our worship experience. The sermon series based on the 10 Commandments is loosely based on the book "Words of Life" by Adam Hamilton. You are invited to READ ALONG with the sermon series. As you listen to the sermon you'll already have some background, some ideas, some questions. We'll be able to be engaged on a deeper level with God's word to us on that Sunday. If you miss a Sunday you won't have missed everything!

ARE WE BEING BUSY JUST TO BE BUSY?

There are many things go on in both our churches this time of year and it will get busier as we draw closer to Advent. It's always wonderful for our churches to be filled with activity, but we don't just do things for the sake of doing things. Everything we are doing comes down to MINISTRY. How does this event, this program, this board or committee build the ministry God has called us to. At Westminster we've made a change to how we are offering Sunday School to our children. Activities are now being offered after the children's sermon each Sunday. Why did we do this? To make it easier on parents? No, the change was based on the desire to make sure the children of our church hear about God and learn about God's love for them.

At Highland, Octoberfest and our One Stop Shopping events, are opportunities for the people at Highland to reach out into the community and to share God's love. People come and are welcomed and cared for. In addition, the money raised goes back out into the community through mission projects.

Think too about Trunk or Treat at Highland, the passing out of candy on Halloween in Mifflintown, supporting the food banks, Night Club, monthly mission projects...each and every one of these is about ministry. About the church being engaged in the community in a way that shows God's love to others.

HOW CAN WE GET MORE VISITORS TO OUR CHURCH?

Ah, the age old question. We've got beautiful buildings, we've wonderful organists, great worship, Sunday School...but here's the thing: none of those really is the answer. Oh, they're great once we get people in the door – but HOW DO WE GET THEM IN THE DOOR? Ninety percent of people who come to visit a church come because A MEMBER HAS INVITED THEM. That is the reality, very few people walk in the doors of our churches without knowing someone. ONCE THEY ARE IN THE DOOR: they must be greeted warmly, we need to get their names, we need to invite them to come back or to join in a special activity. These days, people who are visiting churches are looking for a safe place, they are looking for someplace that doesn't just preach God's word, but lives it. Who can you invite to come with you some time?

WHAT IS STUDY LEAVE?

Every once in a while you'll hear about my going on study leave. The Presbytery of Carlisle requires that each pastor take two weeks of study leave each year. This is time for study and reflection. Sometimes I attend workshops or seminars, sometimes I'm taking a class on a particular topic. After each study leave I report to the session what I have studied and share with them some of the great things I have learned. DID YOU KNOW, that the Presbytery also dictates how much vacation I can take? Yep, it's true. I hate being away from you and missing time with you, but I have learned the hard way that I need to take breaks and get away. I am so grateful to be serving churches that understand and support my need for rest and renewal. Ask me sometime what I've been up to on study leave or vacation, I'd love to share it with you.

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HIGHLAND UNITED



Oct. 4	Amber McClure	
5	Josalyn Cook	Anniversaries
9	Sally Tengeres	
11	James Turner	Oct. 1 Logan and Rachel Frerotte
	Marjory Miller	3 Tom and Gayle Ulsh
13	Emma Rose Pascoe	9 Paul and Betty Richard
18	Colton Cook	10 Trevor and Becky Wudtke
22	Maxwell Pascoe	14 Park and Dorothy Crouse
24	Joyce Heintzelman	21 Michael and Michelle Byers
29	Dotty Wright	22 Scott and Dotty Wright
30	Jett Bryson	23 Jason and Jessica Barlup



HIGHLAND HAPPENINGS

There's a lot of things happening at Highland United these days! But we're not busy just to be busy. Everything we do here is about planting seeds of the God's love in people's hearts. Every time someone comes in for OctoberFest or Nightclub or Tai Chi we are representing God's love! We hope that you will be a part of everything that is happening here.

*October 10th we are starting a series of worship services based on the Ten Commandments. We are doing a READ ALONG worship experience by using Adam Hamilton's book—Words of Life.

*OCTOBERFEST IS COMING...October 16th.

*Lots of organizing is going on as Joyce Heintzelman and the property committee are working hard behind the scenes.

*A SERVICE OF DEDICATION OF THE PERRY VALLEY LAMP AND BELL is being planned for October 10th.

*NIGHTCLUB IS A BLAST! Every Wednesday our Clark Hall is filled with Middle—Schoolers and adults who are learning about God's love.

*Tuesdays and Thursdays Tai Chi is meeting in Clark Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD: **November 18th** Turkey Supper **November 28th** Advent I Decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season following worship. Please plan to stay around. **December 11th** One Stop Shopping/Cookie Sale/Santa

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

HIGHLAND UNITED FINANCES:



<u>Date</u>	<u>G. Fund</u>	<u>B. Fund</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Adult SS</u>	<u>K. Ministry</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Totals</u>
07/04/21	\$ 2,267.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,130.00
07/11/21	\$ 1,466.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,499.00
07/18/21	\$ 1,171.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,324.00
07/25/21	\$ 852.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,348.00
TOTALS	\$ 5,756.00	\$ 740.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 248.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,301.00

Per Capita Assessment for 2021 is for 116 members @ \$27.26/member-\$3,162.16.
 Total given to date for 2021—\$1,279.14.

JULY MISSIONS Perry County Animal Rescue—\$520.00
JUNE MISSIONS Newport Ministerium/State Police —\$220.00



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MILLERSTOWN COMMUNITY SUCCESS, INC.: Millerstown Community Success, Inc. is once again sponsoring a Birthday Calendar. The cost of the 2022 calendar is \$5.00, plus \$1.00 per name for birthdays, \$1.00 per name for birthday memorials, and \$1.00 per couple for wedding anniversaries. There are order forms on the table in the church narthex. Deadline is November 1. Tom Ulsh will have the calendars at the church for you when they become available (in time for Christmas giving).



STATEMENT FROM THE SESSION: Following CDC guidelines we are highly recommending that masks be worn at events at the church. Like the CDC guidelines this is not a mandate but by a strong recommendation to help keep our church family safe. We also are reinstating social distancing in the sanctuary during worship, unless you are sitting with your family or contact group.

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

OCTOBER MISSION MOMENT: CAMP KRISLUND: Krislund is a joint outdoor ministry of the Carlisle, Huntingdon and Northumberland Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church USA. Funds will go to endowments and investments, program development and camper scholarships. Summer camps include day, residential and family camps. Programs for all ages. The camp's Mission is for all people to encounter God, build relationships and experience creation by giving them a place where they can learn through outdoor recreation, adventure, worship and small group living.

HELP NEEDED: The Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank in New Bloomfield (previously the Perry County Food Bank) needs help, particularly on Tuesday from 1 to 3 and Thursday from 8 to 11:45. They are also open Monday and Wednesday, but the help is most needed on the 2 new days that they have opened up. There is warehouse work, some of it requiring some lifting of boxes. The volunteer work in the store is basically helping clients and stocking shelves. Some people help for 1/2 day; others choose to help several days. We would welcome all willing volunteers. Call [717-594-0027](tel:717-594-0027) to volunteer and meet with the manager Mary Ann Brownawell.

NIGHTCLUB AT HIGHLAND: Stockings stuffed with goodies, pizza, four square, throwing muffins at a target...Bible Study and snacks. This is what happens at Nightclub every Wednesday at Highland. PLEASE ENCOURAGE any Middle Schoolers you know to join us and if you want to help out please be in touch with Kathy Smith.

QUOTES FROM CHURCH MEMBERS:

There is nothing to fear, when your lifeguard walks on water. Darlene Adams

A comedian on TV said, People think I am crazy but it keeps me from going insane! Judy Landis



Your magazines are making a difference. Thank you.

READ—ALONG WORSHIP EXPERIENCE: Begins October 10th. Jumping off our Bible Study on the Ten Commandments we will be doing a different kind of worship experience beginning October 10th. You are invited to READ—ALONG with the Bible Study crew the book “Words of Life” by Adam Hamilton. You will come into the sermon experience with questions, ideas and background that will enhance your worship experience. The book is available on Amazon or through Pastor Nancy.

THANK YOU: A very big thank you goes out to Stu and Debbie Kirk for volunteering their time to paint the Pastor's office and the secretary's office. The offices look great.

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

OCTOBERFEST 2021: Last year during COVID Highland United Presbyterian Church hosted **Octoberfest 2020**. Local artisans setup stands at Highland, along with many items made by our own Caring Crafters and food from our Kitchen Ministry. We think it was a very successful event, bringing in money to be use to fund many mission projects in our community. This year **Octoberfest 2021** will even be bigger and hopefully better. We have 25 reserved spaces and also 3 food trucks! Kathy Smith and her kitchen crew have agreed to make/sell soup (hot and frozen), sandwiches and a variety of cold drinks. Westward Ho Kettle Corn, Beilers Soft Pretzels, and Sweet to the Soul Ice Cream will also be there too. **If you would like to donate a baked item, donate your time, or just want more information because you want to become involved, please contact: Janice Zaring at 717-275-6625 or Joyce Heintzelman at 717-636-0992.**



The Deacons will once again be participating in Trunk or Treat on the square in Newport on October 30th. Please consider joining us – it is an evening of fun and fellowship! We arrive to set up and decorate our vehicles. If you cannot join us that evening, please consider donating some bagged, individually wrapped candy for the cause. There will be a collection box in the narthex of the church for any/all candy donations.

C I A ...Christians in Action is in need of children and youth. Every Sunday morning the CIA (previously known as Sunday School) takes on a different mission as we discover what it means to be Christians in action. We have 7 wonderful teachers waiting to teach our children. **BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT THEM!** Mr. Dave is hoping to teach chimes and all kinds of music, the children will be making nativities and all kinds of things are happening at HUPC that need the special energy and heart our youth bring to our church. Please encourage your youth to join the CIA and bring Jesus into their lives and youth into ours.



Since September 8th CPYM'S Night Club has been meeting at Highland. This program is for 5-8th graders from Greenwood and Newport. This is proving to be an excellent Biblical experience for these youth. At this time approximately 5 HUPC youth are attending.

CPYM is offering our youth and opportunity to go the SNOW CAMP in December at the cost of \$160 per youth. The mission committee is asking our CHURCH FAMILY TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH who want to go to Snow Camp by receiving a free will offering on OCTOBER 17TH to help our youth pay part of the cost of snow camp. Should we exceed the money we need, or any children decide not to go at this time, we will put the money in reserve for future use/camp fund. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH.

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

ONE STOP SHOPPING AT HIGHLAND UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DECEMBER 11TH FROM 9:00AM-2PM A COMBINING OF OUR COOKIE SALE WITH DIRECT SALE VENDORS

WHO'S COMING? Salespeople from Tupperware, Avon, 31, Sentsey, Color Street, Usborne, Crunchi, Sampin' up, Mary Kaye, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Lilla Rose, Pink Zebra, and Norwex. All will come stocked with items for the public to purchase on the spot as well as order through their catalogs.

HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS EVENT?

Do you like to bake cookies? You are welcome to join us in the Highland Kitchen to help bake cookies or you can bake your favorite cookies at home to donate to the sale.

Maybe you can help in one of our rooms: Direct Sale vendors, Cookie sale room or the Santa room.

Want more information on how you can be involved? Contact Joyce Heintzelman at 717-636-0992.

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Jan Manbeck

Gabe Book

Kathy Brown

WESTMINSTER UNITED

October Lector: Jill Steward

October Counters: Diane Marshall and Chris Fisher

October Closer: Chris Fisher

CHILD CARE FOR OCTOBER:

10/3 Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler 10/10 Meghan Geedey and Cassett Trout 10/17 Kit Parks and Michelle Parks 10/24 Diane Marshall and Heather McClure

Oct. Birthdays: 4 Amber McClure 8 John Shirk 12 Jane Shirk 30 Polly Digon 31 Rachel Dowling

Oct. Anniversaries: 3 Dave and BJ Doray 20 Dan and Kathy Brown 23 Bob and Eddi Kay Gill, Jerry and Destiny Trout 29 Jeff and Rachel Dowling

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



MOVING FORWARD AT WESTMINSTER....

*More ceiling repairs will be taking place in our sanctuary in the coming weeks.

*Our children are enjoying having their Sunday School type lessons during worship. Thanks to all our child-care folks.

*Relaunch Sunday is October 3rd!

*Behind the scenes plans are being made for Advent – it's coming!

*October 31st is fifth Sunday – what will be happening????

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: **Oct.12** Trustees at 2:00 p.m. Deacons at 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 Session 6:30 p.m. **Nov. 3** Finance 7:00 p.m.



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ALL BOARD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES: These meetings and activities are happening within the walls of Westminster now. They need to be posted on the “big calendar” in the Sunday School Room — date, time and location in the building. This will better help our sexton to know what's happening where, when and place. Thank you.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR OUR CHILDREN are happening each Sunday following the children's sermon. They are hearing a Bible story, doing a craft and just enjoying being together. If you know of families with children invite them to join us!

WESTMINSTER UNITED CONTINUED



AGAIN THIS YEAR THE FOOD PANTRY will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and YOU to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive, please give generously. If you can help us to start stockpiling the following foods for the holidays, we would really appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

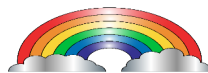
HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS: (THESE ARE THE FOODS THAT ARE HARD FOR US TO GET): TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAM (3-5 LBS.), CANNED SWEET POTATOES, STUFFING, GRAVY, AND BROWNIE OR COOKIE MIX. A DONATION OF \$20 WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

ANYONE NEEDING MEALS PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE DEACONS: Michelle Parks, Marie McNaught, Beth Stoner, Chris Fisher, Barb Koppenhaver, or BJ Doray



MISSION FOR OCTOBER: Juniata County Meals on Wheels

JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY



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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, Jason Barlup, Barry Cornell, Eddi Kay Gill, Eleanor Stallman, George Yohn, Bob Mikesell, Glenda Dillman, Jane Fogleman, Rich Brunner, Bob Gill, Lori Leach, Allen Hall, Molly Ulsh, Steve and Gail Campbell, Newborn Archer Killian Prutz, Cindy McHenry’s Father, Charles Wentz, Amy Kenavan, Steve Adams, Sue Henderson, Robbie Lauver (at Locust Grove, Mifflin), Jane and John Shirk, Joe Benner, Margaret Bryner (at Ohesson Manor), Curt Houtz, Dan Brown, Bently Fulkroad, Chrissy Berrier, Bill Dressler Family and all those fighting cancer, dementia, and COVID.

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
2nd and 4th week	(Tuesday and Wednesday)	at Westminster

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 OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
:					1	2 Bible Study @ Newport Family Rest. @ 8:30 a.m.
3 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC RELAUNCH 11:00 WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY	4	5 Tai Chi 10-11	6 Night Club 5:30-7 Deacons 6:30 (H)	7 Tai Chi 10-11	8	9 Bible Study @ Harlings @ 8:30 a.m.
10 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00	11	12 Tai Chi 10-11 Admin (H) 6:00 Trustees (W) 2:00 Deacons (W) 6:00	13 Night Club 5:30-7 Worship/Music (H) 6:00	14 Tai Chi 10-11 Session (H) 6:30 Clark Hall	15	16 Bible Study @ Highland United. @ 8:30 a.m.
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