

THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

NOVEMBER 2021

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Give thanks *with a grateful heart,*

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us" And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us.

It has begun....Christmas movies, ads, music. Some of you may have already started decorating your houses. I know at both Westminster and Highland Advent planning began in earnest almost two months ago. A good chunk of my time has been spent plotting and planning what will be going on in those four weeks from late November until the end of December.

It's a wonderful time of year. In fact, so wonderful we sometimes skip right over what comes first: THANKSGIVING!!! So let's slow down for a moment: what are you grateful for this year? For many of us it has not been an easy year, but somewhere in the midst of it all – God has been at work, God has blessed us.

For our family this year we are so grateful for good health. We are so grateful that we have a home, food, friends and family. We are grateful for the new things we have learned and how God continues to grow us and mature us.

At our churches we have much to be thankful for: first and foremost, wonderful, giving and caring people who make the ministry of our churches happen. Whether they are teaching, fixing rooves, putting in new landscape, creating new ways for us to reach out to the community and to the world. THE CHURCH IS THE PEOPLE!!

As thanksgiving rolls around, so does the end of the liturgical year. The year for the church begins on the first Sunday of Advent and ends the Sunday before. Throughout the year we celebrate the story of God's love and salvation that came to us in Jesus Christ. The story of the church begins and ends with Christ.

I don't know about all of you, but I am so thankful for that story, that is still living through the church. I am so grateful that there is God in my life who makes sense of things that don't make sense, who helps me deal with frustrations and fear. Who give me the strength to carry on. I am so thankful for all of you – who minister to me. Who encourage me, love me and just care about who I am as a person, and not just as your Pastor. Each day between now and thanksgiving....thank God for one thing God has given you and let's be thankful!



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Susan Robinson

HIGHLAND UNITED



Nov. 1	Gerri Hall	
2	George Yohn	
4	Peggy Heisey	
5	Thomas McHenry	Anniversaries
6	David McHenry	
8	Bill McHenry	Nov. 8 Dennis and Lori Comp
9	Blaize Cook	14 Allen and Geri Hall
10	Stuart McHenry	19 Donald and Nancy McClure
12	Darlene Shaffer	24 Crea and Janet Clark
13	Trevor Wudtke	
14	Ethel Mohler	
15	Max Mohler	
16	Ashton McIntyre	
21	Edward Baugh	
22	Linda Bitting	
26	Eleanor Barlup	

HIGHLAND HAPPENINGS



It's been a wonderful busy, fall here at Highland.

OCTOBERFEST was a wonderful success in spite of having to move inside at the last minute.

OUR FIFTH SUNDAY HEALING SERVICE was a real blessing to all of us.

ADVENT IS GETTING CLOSE AND WE HAVE A SPECIAL MISSION PROJECT planned providing Christmas stockings for youth who attend Night Club.

BETHESDA MISSION will also be getting some help from Highland as we move into the coming months as we collect long underwear and other items that are needed during the winter months.

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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

UPDATED INFORMATION WILL BE ADDED TO NEXT NEWSLETTER



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LOOKING AHEAD: November 18th Turkey Supper November 21st Decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season following worship. Advent I December 11th One Stop Shopping/ Cookie Sale/Santa



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

NOVEMBER MISSION MOMENT: Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Bank is located in New Bloomfield and provides food twice a month to families in Perry County that fall at 150% of the poverty level or less in income. Thanksgiving is this month and the following items would be appreciated: stuffing mix, turkey gravy, canned veggies, cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom soup, brown sugar, evaporated milk, pumpkin, cake mixes and pie crust mix. Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch and brings you in. Then washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed etc. Then he carves you a new smiling face. And he puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.



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Christian Mission Projects will remain local this year. #1 “Secret” Christmas Stockings for Night Club participants will be given to them on December 1st.. Each stocking limit is \$20. Stockings will be provided. Recommended suggestions: Be creative! Snacks, candy bars, lead pencils, post-it-notes, tape, school items, gift cards, colored pencils, sharpies, art supplies. DUE BY SUNDAY, NNOVEMBER 28TH. #2 Christmas Stocking Distribution. #3 One Stop Shopping and Annual Cookie Sale—December 11th. Cookie donations needed by Thursday, December 9th to prepare for the sale. Join fellowship and fun December 6 —December 10 to prepare, bake and box cookies from the Highland Kitchen. Times to be announced at a later date.

MISSION/CARING CRAFTERS MEETING: This meeting will be held on Monday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. regarding discussion of upcoming projects. If you have any items that you would like us to discuss please bring all information to the meeting or let Janice know.

CALLING ALL YOUTH: Any youth in grades 5th and up—there is a special workshop on Sunday evening November 7 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. You need to bring with you a shoe box. Get your creative juices running.

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.



Thank you for all your magazines! Your magazines supports Ronald McDonald House.

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.

WESTMINSTER

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Deb Heisey

Diane Marshall

Jan Manbeck

Gabe Book

Kathy Brown

WESTMINSTER UNITED

November Lector: Rob Digon

November Counters: Diane Marshall and Chris Fisher

November Closer: Mike Stoner

CHILD CARE FOR OCTOBER:

11/7 Gabe and Emily Book 11/14 Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler 11/21
Meghan Geedey and Cassett Trout 11/28 Kit Parks and Michelle Parks

Nov. Birthdays: 4 Jeff Abram 5 Barbie Marshall 7 Charles Bryner 8 Dave
Doray 11 Destiny Trout 19 Bill Eichenberger 23 Bob Gill 25 Michelle Parks,
Rob Digon 27 Laney Dowling

Nov. Anniversaries: 5 Rob and Polly Digon 19 Donald and Nancy McClure

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Nov. 3 Finance 7:00 p.m. Nov. 9 Trustees
2:00 p.m.

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



What a wonderful, busy fall we've had!

RELAUNCH SUNDAY was a great success! Wonderful worship, fellowship and food!

WE HAVE A NEW SHED...upon the sale of the manse, the trustees made arrangements for a shed to be placed in the back of the church for storage. It will keep some lawn moving equipment and other items. Thanks to the trustees!

WE HAVE NEW LANDSCAPING thanks to Mike Stoner and Shelly Horning! It is so wonderful to see the beautiful stone foundation of our church. THANKS TO EVERYONE who came out to help!

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Our first LIVE OUR WORSHIP Sunday was just wonderful. It was wonderful to see young and old gather together in the Sunday School room to work together to create gift bags for North St. Manor. The biggest joy was to deliver them and see the surprise happy faces of the residents when they got their bags. Thanks to all who helped make this happen.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW BLESSINGS BOX??? Thanks to Shelly and her family we have a beautiful new blessings box!

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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.

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 NOVEMBER: The Derek Frye Fund

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JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY



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, Claudette Satzler, 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
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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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ADVENT 2021

11/27	Bible Study: The Journey Chapter 1	8:30am at Highland or via zoom
11/28	Advent I - Hope	9:30 HUPC 11 WUPC
	Decorating at WUPC after worship	
12/4	Bible Study Chapter 2	8:30am at Westminster or via zoom
12/5	Advent II – Peace	9:30 HUPC 11 WUPC
12/11	Bible Study Chapter 3	8:30am at Highland or via zoom in the choir room
12/12	Advent III – Joy	9:30 HUPC 11 WUPC
	Communion at Highland	
12/18	Bible Study Chapter 4	8:30am at Westminster or via zoom
12/19	Advent IV	9:30 HUPC 11 WUPC
12/24	Christmas Eve Worship	6pm Highland
	Christmas Eve Worship	8pm Westminster
12/26	Christmas Worship	9:30 HUPC 11 WUPC

JVSM NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
:	1	2 <i>Tai Chi</i> 10-11 <i>Finance Com.</i> (W) 7:00	3 <i>Night Club</i> 5:30-7 <i>Deacons</i> 6:30 (H)	4 <i>Tai Chi</i> 10-11	5	6 <i>Bible Study @ Newport Family Restaurant.</i> @ 8:30 a.m.
7 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC 11:00 Youth Workshop (H) 6-8	8 <i>Mission Meeting</i> 6:30 @ (H)	9 Admin (H) 6:00 <i>Trustees (W)</i> 2:00	10 <i>Night Club</i> 5:30-7 <i>Worship/Music (H)</i> 6:00	11 Session (H) 6:30 Clark Hall	12	13 NO BIBLE STUDY
14 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00	15	16 Admin (H) 6:00 <i>Deacons (W)</i> 6:00	17 NO NIGHT CLUB	18 ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER	19	20 <i>Bible Study @ Harlings.</i> @ 8:30 a.m.
21 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00 DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS FOLLOWING WORSHIP @ HIGHLAND	22	23	24 <i>Night Club</i> 5:30-7	25 THANKSGIVING DAY	26	27 <i>Bible Study @ Highland United</i> @ 8:30 a.m.
28 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00 DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS FOLLOWING WORSHIP @ WESTMINSTER	29	30				

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