

THE LAMP

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HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

As most of you know by now, the whole New Year's eve/New Year's thing doesn't usually do much for me. But this year was different. As I thought about a new year I was excited! I had questions running through my head:

What can I do this year to make a difference?

What new adventures can I have?

What new things can our churches get into?

Can we meet the same goals in new ways?

A few years ago I shared with you some thoughts from a book called *Canoeing the Mountains*. I find myself reading the book again as I help two churches in our Presbytery seek a new Pastor. If you remember the book talks about Lewis and Clark and their quest to find a waterway to the Pacific Ocean. At one point in their journey they simply run out of water! They hit mountains – their canoes and paddles are useless. They have to make a choice – give up or get out of their canoes and try something different.

Their goal was still the same: get to the Pacific, but the way they would get there would be different. As we move further into this post-COVID era (and what many are calling a post Christian era) the church is finding more and more the need to reimagine how we do things. The goal remains the same: share the good news of God's love. But how and when we do that may change. Sunday Schools are struggling to bring kids in – and yet an event on a Sunday night, a Wednesday night draws them out. Sunday School before church doesn't bring kids out, but during church brings them out. SAME GOAL-share God with the kids – DIFFERENT METHOD OF DELIVERY.

Think about mission. For many of us, mission meant giving money and the money would help people in our country and around the world. But more and more we find that we are needing to BE THE MISSIONAIRES. We have people right in our own backyards that are hurting. So mission begins to look like a weekday program during the summer, stabling little free libraries, blessings boxes, reaching out to nursing homes, low income housing facilities, it means support our first responders and our medical professional. AND IT STILL MEANS...reaching out beyond our communities to a hurting country and world, as give of our financial gifts to places like Presbyterian Mission, Heifer Project etc. NEW METHODS ...SAME GOAL.

Even in worship we are climbing out of our canoes. In person worship is still the main means for gathering together to worship God. But we've also moved into the era of zoom, facebook live, you tube. These allow us to reach folks who can't come out to in-person worship because they are ill, can't get around anymore, are snow birds, have moved out the area. NEW METHOD..SAME GOAL.

As we move into 2022, how can we continue to fulfill the call that God has given to us? To share good news, to feed the hungry, welcome the outcast.

It's an adventure and I'm ready to take it. How about you?

HIGHLAND UNITED

EXPAND OUR OUTREACH: This Season of COVID has given us an opportunity to re-think Church... to expand our outreach, and touch people weekly whom we might never have seen otherwise. Both congregations have benefited from the expansion of our worship into the virtual world... and people have enjoyed our services, both online, and in recorded format. We now distribute 4 recordings of the service each week to those who cannot access the Zoom; 2 audio recordings, and 2 video recordings. Our Zooms reach 20 to 30 people each week, some shut ins, some in nursing facilities, some snow birds, some who have moved states away, and some who just got up too late to make it to worship!

We have been enriched through our electronic presence, not separated by distance or circumstance. The Shared Ministry is committed to maintaining this, but in order to continue this vital ministry outreach, we are looking for folks who can assist by running the Zooms for Adult Sunday School and Worship at Highland one Sunday a month. Folks from both churches are encouraged to accept this sharing of time and talent. And the training is FREE! Right now, the search is on for 3 individuals... if you want to help, or ask questions, please contact Pastor Nancy.

QUOTE: You can't leave those who created the problem in charge of the solution!



ZOOM LINKS:

THIS IS THE BIBLE STUDY LINK: Saturday 8:30am <https://zoom.us/j/96734419425?pwd=SV1JVXBDSEVST3o0SWdZd2J0dk9odz09>

Meeting ID: [967 3441 9425](#) Passcode: 288147
Dial by your location [+1 646 876 9923](#) US (New York)

WORSHIP LINK INCLUDING CHRISTMAS EVE AT 6PM 9:30am Sunday Worship
<https://zoom.us/j/912154723?pwd=cHI2eVJBVWM0azV4U0MzZ1NtdHEzUT09>

Meeting ID: 912 154 723 Password: 664159

IF YOU ARE USING A CELL OR LAND LINE: [+1 929 205 6099](#) Meeting ID: 912 154 723

Adult Sunday School (8:30am)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/619915621?pwd=NFN3ZzRPSWRGM2ZpVmhqWFRWWkdKUT09>

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>
11/07/21	\$ 2,254.58	\$ 380.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 2,950.58
11/14/21	\$ 3,305.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,035.00
11/21/21	\$ 1,553.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,733.00
11/28/21	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,502.00
TOTALS	\$ 8,277.58	\$ 490.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,147.00	\$ 0.00	\$10,220.58

Per Capita Assessment for 2021 is for 116 members @ \$27.26/member-\$3,162.16.
 Total given to date for 2021—\$1,333.70.

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Becky Wudtke

Financial Secretary

Dennis Tressler



Jan.	2	Pam Adams	
	5	Lindsay Anderson	
	9	Tom Ulsh	Anniversaries
	10	Robert Rolston	
	12	Glenda Dillman	1 Robert and Nancy Campbell
	15	Gwen Babski	25 Richard and Wendy Brunner
	21	Russ LaForce	
	24	Ryan Tressler	
	25	Mary Horting	
		Dennis Comp	
	26	Pat Shutt	
	27	James Myers	
	29	Kimberlee Drum	
		Sean Robinson	
	30	Wilma Klingensmith	

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

ELDERS ON SESSION

Nancy Campbell
 Janice Zaring
 Joyce Heintzelman
 James Turner
 Patricia Shutt
 Cecile Willet
 Dennis Tressler
 Abigail Worthy
 Becky Wudtke

DEACONS

Darlene Adams
 Linda Bitting
 Jessica Bryson
 Kim Drum
 Elaine Buffington
 Michelle Byers
 Melissa Neidigh
 Wendy Brunner
 Susan Robinson

Happenings !

AT HIGHLAND UNITED

Thanks to all those who have been working hard to get our heat up and running. Kudos to Joyce and Patrick for all their work and to H.B. McClure for doing the work. NIGHTCLUB is back and meeting each Wednesday from 5:30-7pm in Clark Hall.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP WITH MISSION IN OUR CHURCH? Maybe you have ideas for music? Or you have a gift for organization and planning? Consider working with one of our church committees – this is where the ministry happens, where the ideas come from. Here is a list of our committees, please reach out to the chairperson if you are interested.

Worship – Chair: Nancy Campbell
 Mission – Janice Zaring
 Administration – Jim Turner
 Property – Joyce Heintzelman
 Christian Education – Janice Zaring
 Kitchen Ministry – Becky Wudtke, Kathy Smith



JANUARY MISSION PROJECT: The weather outside can be frightful during the winter months! While we are warm inside at our homes and our jobs, there are those who work outside in the winter elements. Our church ministry has been supporting the Bethesda Mission in a variety of ways. Bethesda provides hot meals and a warm and safe place to sleep for those experiencing homelessness. The Deacons want to support Bethesda and the men who work out in the elements during the winter months. We will be collecting items to support the men who work outdoors in the winter months. The items most needed are warm socks, winter work gloves and long underwear. Blankets can also be given. * Warm socks (men's shoe sizes) * Long underwear - sizes XL and up.



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

HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

JIMMY KENAVAN is at a rehab center. He will have at least 6 weeks of therapy to get him walking again. He won't likely be home until mid to late February. He is at: Spring Creek Rehab, 1205 S. 28th St., Room 103, Harrisburg, PA 17111. He should be there for the remainder of his recovery. Any cards would be greatly appreciated.

MISSION UPDATE: A special thanks to all of you for making our missions work. To start off, our **Christmas** stockings for Nite Club were a huge hit. The youth loved them. Extra stockings plus additional books, toys, and stuff was then taken to the Bethesda Women/Children's Center so the children there would have something. Plus we were able to give our own **Sunday** School children stockings. So you can see how these stockings benefited so many people. The One Stop Shopping now-great success. We had a lot of people come through our church loving our trees and everything. Cookies, we'll I can't thank all of you enough for baking such wonderful cookies and pies. A special thanks to those who came for those two weeks of baking at the church-great fellowship, laughing, fun and exhausted bodies. But we did it. Thank you so much. Cookies were sold but also were given to shut ins from our church and also again to Bethesda. As you can see one little event lead to Highland helping out so many people. Thank you all for making this so rewarding. Happy New Year. Mission chairman-Janice Zaring

MONTHLY MISSION FOR 2021

January-Emergency Housing Fund-\$215
 February-Join Hands-\$194.
 March-Newport Fire Company-\$205.
 April-Linda's House-\$390.
 May-Newport Ambulance-\$520.
 June-Newport Ministerium-{State Police}-\$220.
 July-Animal Rescue-\$520.
 August-Millerstown Fire & Ambulance-\$300.
 September-Presbytery of Carlisle-\$270.
 October-Camp Krisland-\$285.
 November-Neighbors helping Neighbors Food Bank-\$175.
 December-Bethesda-\$175.

TOTAL from this listing \$3,469

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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

WESTMINSTER UNITED

January Lector: Shelly Horning

January Counters: Diane Marshall and Chris Fisher

CHILD CARE FOR JANUARY: 1/9 Gabe and Emily Book 1/16 Shelly Horning and Jody Satzler 1/23 Meghan Geedey and Cassett Trout 1/30 Kit Parks and Michelle Parks

Jan. Birthdays: 12 Robert Zeak 13 Jeff Dowling 15 Janice Swab 20 Judd Parks 27 Terry Dolin 28 Gabriel Digon 30 Tyson Keister 31 Barbara Koppenhaver

Jan. Anniversaries: NONE

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: 1/20 Trustees 3:45 p.m. 1/26 Session 6:30 p.m. 2/1 Deacons 6:00 p.m.

THANK YOU to everyone at Westminster for all of your kindnesses over the holiday season. You are all like family to me.

All my love,
Eddi Kay Gill

THANK YOU: “My sincere thanks to Westminster Sunday School Class for the Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.”

Best wishes to all for a Happy New Year,
Judy Armstrong

ALL BOARD MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES happening within the walls of Westminster now 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



at Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Meet our new officers: Elders: Vera Zimmerman, Jody Satzler, Kit Parks

Deacons: Marie McNaight, Beth Stoner and Michelle Parks

Trustees: Bret Satzler, Rachel Dowling and Bob Gill

Our new officers will be ordained on 1/16 during worship. The first meetings of the year are as follows:

1/20 Trustees at 3:45pm

1/26 Session at 6:30pm

2/1 Deacons at 6pm

DO YOU WANT TO HELP WITH MISSION IN OUR CHURCH? Maybe you have ideas for 5th Sunday? Or you have a gift for organization and planning? Consider working with one of our church committees – this is where the ministry happens, where the ideas come from. At the first meetings the boards will be setting up committees. Please consider working with one of our committees so that Westminster can shine God's light to all. Here is a list of session committees. Please reach out to Pastor Nancy or any member of session if you would like to join in the work of one of these committees.

Finance Committee

Christian Education

Fellowship

Worship

Mission



DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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

JUNIATA VALLEY SHARED MINISTRY



PASTOR NANCY'S OFFICE HOURS

1st, 3rd and 4th week	(Tuesday and Thursday)	at Highland United
2nd week	(Thursday only)	at Highland United
1st, 3rd and 4th week	(Wednesday only)	at Westminster
2nd 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	

Please keep in prayer our church members and our friends:

Colton Cook, Jason Barlup, Diana Landis, Barry Cornell, Eddi Kay Gill, George Yohn, Glenda Dillman, Jimmy Kenavan, Margaret Bryner (at Ohesson Manor), CJ Bryan, Bob Campbell, Emily Reeser, Cookie Little, Charles Ebling, Steve and Gail Campbell, Marjory Miller, Ron Bolton, Allen Hall, Angie Sieber and all those fighting cancer, dementia, and COVID.

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JVSM JANUARYCALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>2 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC 11:00</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 Night Club 5:30-7:00</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8 Bible Study @ Newport Family Restaurant @ 8:30</i>
<i>9 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11 Admin/ Property (H) 6:00</i>	<i>12 Finance (W) @ 7:00 Night Club 5:30-7:00 Worship/Music (H) 6:00</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15 Bible Study @ Harlings @ 8:30</i>
<i>16 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19 Night Club 5:30-7:00</i>	<i>20 Trustees (W) 3:45</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22 Bible Study @ Newport Family Restaurant @ 8:30</i>
<i>23 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26 Night Club 5:30-7:00 Westminster Session 6:30pm</i>	<i>27 Highland Session 6:30pm</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29 Bible Study @ Harlings @ 8:30</i>
<i>30 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC Worship 11:00</i>	<i>31</i>					

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