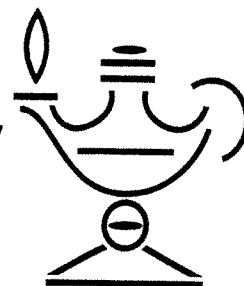


# THE LAMP

A Newsletter of The Juniata Valley Shared Ministry

DECEMBER 2022

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All the way back in August I began planning Advent. It began with simple things like: do we have the candles we need? Do we need bulletins? As we moved into the fall I began pondering how I was going to communicate the message of a season that most of us have celebrated dozens of times in our lives.

By now you've all figured out that Dr. Suess is providing us with the catalyst for our studies and worship times. This fascinating character and the whos of who-ville will give us much to ponder this season.

But here's the problem. I don't feel really Christmas-y right now. As many of you know, we have experienced a sudden and painful loss at our Westminster Church. But our Westminster friends are not alone in the experience of finding this season to not be joyful. Many people find this session difficult. In my own family all four of my grandparents and my father died within a month of Christmas. Add to all of this the economic and political state of our world – it's not hard to see why for some the lights don't twinkle quite as bright.

In the light of all of this I want to remind you of a couple of things:

1. Be aware of those around you who may be grieving, experience depression or anxiety. Keep an eye on them. Make them part of your family if they are alone.
2. Remember you don't have to do everything – heck you don't have to do anything. Christmas is not made up of trees, decorations, cookies, cards, parties – all of this is optional. As someone said this week “just hang a Chrismon or set up a nativity and you've got all you need for Christmas.
3. Make Christ the reason for the season. Fill these days with worship and caring for those in need.

For if we do this: worship and care for those who are hurting – it is then that Christ is born again! It won't matter if there isn't a single present opened, a single tree decorated, a single cookie baked...all those do is point us in the direction of the One that truly matters.

Just like the end of the story “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” we find that maybe (actually there is no maybe about it) there is more to Christmas than what comes from a store!

**“For I bring glad tidings of great joy, for unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior!  
Who is Christ the Lord?”**

## HIGHLAND UNITED

### 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>
11/06/22	\$ 2,758.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 51.16	\$ 3,549.16
11/13/22	\$ 3,721.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,034.00
11/17/22	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$17,276.00	\$ 0.00	\$17,276.00
11/20/22	\$ 1,195.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 54.52	\$ 1,475.52
11/27/22	\$ 790.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 815.00
11/28/22	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,168.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,168.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 8,464.00</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>	<b>\$ 390.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$18,808.00</b>	<b>\$ 105.68</b>	<b>\$28,317.68</b>

Per Capita Assessment for 2022 is for 116 members @ \$27.26/member-\$3,162.16.  
Total given to date for 2022 is \$1,132.70

#### November Missions

Millerstown Fire & Ambulance—\$390.00

#### October Missions

Bethesda Mission—\$405.00



#### ZOOM LINKS:

**BIBLE STUDY LINK:** Joint Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83498813212?pwd=TitMajM4ZXplWDRHL0swMGwyQzNZZz09>

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Passcode: 368461

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**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** (8:30am)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/619915621?pwd=NFN3ZzRPSWRGM2ZpVmhhqWFRWWkdKUT09>

**WORSHIP LINK** 9:30am Sunday Worship

<https://zoom.us/j/912154723?pwd=cHI2eVJBVWM0azV4U0MzZ1NtdHEzUT09>

Meeting ID: 912 154 723

Password: 664159

# HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED

DEACONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER ARE: MELISSA NEIDIGH AND WENDY BRUNNER



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**Financial Secretary**

Dennis Tressler

**ELDERS ON SESSION**

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Janice Zaring

Joyce Heintzelman

James Turner

Michael Byers

Cecile Willet

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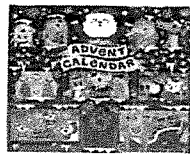
Michelle Byers

Melissa Neidigh

Wendy Brunner

Susan Robinson

Dec.	1	Beatrice Myers	Anniversaries:
		Donald McClure	4 Christopher and Jeniffer Bates
	4	Janet Clark	7 Ken and Peg Bolton
		Colby Little	19 David and Marjory Miller
	8	Dennis Tressler	24 William and Betty Baker
	11	Linda Barlup	27 James and Karen Turner
	12	Darla Page	
		Becky Wudtke	
	14	Laurie Zaring	
	24	Shirley Weibley	
		Judy Landis	
	27	Amos Miller	



## REVERSE CALENDAR INFORMATION!!!

These days Advent calendars come filled with treats or toys for each day you open the calendar, Well, we're reversing the trend and instead of taking something, we are going to be giving something on each day of Advent. So our Sunday School is inviting you to help us make a difference.

We are going to be helping provide food for almost two dozen seniors who cannot drive themselves to the food bank, but are in need of food. Each day, beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, you are invited to donate the item on our Advent Calendar to this mission outreach to our community. Later on in the newsletter you will find a complete list of what we are collecting each day.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY:** I love watching children hanging up their stocking's on Christmas Eve—it's just a thrill to see them hang up anything.

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED



### Annual Cookie Sale

Highland is once again having an annual Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 10 from 9am-11 or until sold out. We are in need of cookies from all you wonderful bakers. Cookies must be at church by Friday, December 9 by 9am. At that point we will be boxing them up so anyone who can stay and help it would be greatly appreciated. Monday and Tuesday, December 5 & 6 we will be making sand tarts starting at 9am at Highland so anyone is welcomed to come on out for fun and fellowship. If time, and energy permits different kinds will also be made in addition to possibly working Thursday. Please mark your calendars.

**PERRY VILLAGE DONATIONS:** Mission is trying to make Christmas merry for Perry Village Residents. We are collecting large print word find books, 200-500 piece puzzles, coloring books, and colored pencils. All these items are going directly to the activities director to be used by residents. Anyone who can donate please put in bin at back door marked Perry Village. We must have everything no later than December 18.



**WORLD BICYCLE RELIEF:** Your Mission Committee has chosen to encourage and support this program—World Bicycle Relief. One bicycle costs \$250 and can provide life changing results. Please visit <https://worldbicyclerelief.org/communities-onthefly> if you would like to learn more about this exciting program. World Bicycle Relief is a catalyst for change, partnering with people in rural communities around the globe to realize their goals by expanding opportunities to access education, markets, health facilities and vital services with the tool they need to thrive. Equipped with a purpose—designated Buffalo Bicycle from World Bicycle Relief, students, health workers and entrepreneurs in low-income regions create opportunities for themselves, their families and entire communities. 23% Increase in farmer incomes, 28% Decrease in school absenteeism and 88% More patient visits made by health workers.

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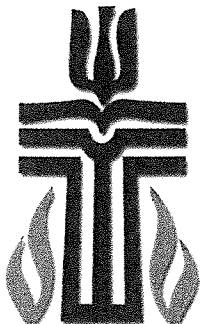


**GEORGE YOHN** needs our help getting his meals on wheels meals delivered. We will need some coverage for December.



**COFFEE HOUR IS BACK:** Each Sunday morning beginning at 8:45 a.m. join us in Clark Hall for goodies and fellowship.

## HIGHLAND UNITED CONTINUED



### DECEMBER MONTHLY MISSION: GENERAL MISSION FUND OF

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA:** Presbyterian Mission is active throughout the world ministering in the name of Jesus Christ. One mission is to alleviate hunger. This is accomplished through Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns. Joining Hands is the international component. Presbyterian World Mission work with Global Partners in agricultural development. Presbyterian Women's Thank You and Birthday Offerings award grants to programs that work toward sustainable solutions to hunger around the world. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance work with congregations and local mission partners to bring Christ's love and healing. World Missions – we partner with churches and faith communities around the world who are bound by our fundamental unity in our Lord Jesus

Christ. This includes our Presbyterian Partnership in Haiti. The Mission Component of PCUSA has mission trips and works in Women's Ministry.



Dear Church Members & Friends,

The Annual Turkey Dinner was a huge success, serving approximately 1150 meals to our community.

I am extremely grateful to our church family members, non-members, and volunteers from our community and beyond who so graciously have given of their time and talents to help with this event. It truly is God's people working together.

To name everyone that helps with this dinner is almost impossible, but please know that you are loved! The process for the turkey dinner started in August when the corn is cut and frozen. Unfortunately, the corn that was grown for the turkey dinner did not grow! Butcher's Farm Market donated all the corn to the church this year – we are truly blessed by their generosity. The applesauce was made in October and the cranberry relish the week before the dinner. Thank You everyone who helped in so many ways!

As in the past, we will donate 5% of the profit (\$571.56) to the Newport Fire Police and 5% to the Newport Ministerium. This gives a profit to the church of \$10,288.00.

Thank you also to the family that purchased the potatoes and to others that made special donations to the church. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

The church was also able to provide leftover turkey and mashed potatoes to Bethesda Mission in Harrisburg. The look on their faces when I delivered the food was priceless! They were so very thankful! So, my friends, THANK YOU for your love and support. I could not do what I do without each of you.

God Bless! Kathy

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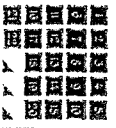
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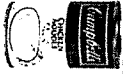

Please plan to join us.

RSVP: by December 12<sup>th</sup>



# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR SCHEDULE

## DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 box of cereal	2 	3 stuffing mix
4 boxed potatoes		6 Canned fruit	7 Canned Tomatoes	8 	9 dessert mix	10 jar of applesauce
	5 					
11 canned sweet potatoes	12 Canned cranberry sauce	13 Canned beans	14 box of crackers	15 	16 package of oatmeal	17 
18 spaghetti sauce	19 	20 tomato soup	21 canned corn	22 canned mixed vegetables	23 canned carrots	24 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



## WESTMINSTER UNITED

### WESTMINSTER

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Kit Parks

#### Church Secretary

Judy Armstrong

#### Church Treasurer

#### Sunday School

#### Superintendent

John Shirk

#### Sunday School Treasurer

Diane Marshall

#### ELDERS ON

#### SESSION

Aaron Geede

Shelly Horning

Deb Heisey

Diane Marshall

Kit Parks

Vera Zimmerman

Jody Satzler

#### DEACONS

BJ Doray

Chris Fisher

Barbara Koppenhaver

Marie McNaught

Michelle Parks

Beth Stoner

#### TRUSTEES

Brett Satzler

Robert Gill

Rachel Dowling

Jane Shirk

Mike Stoner

Petey Crater

Rachel Dowling

(Cemetery Treasurer)

**Dec. Lector:** Kit Parks

**Dec. Counters:** Diane Marshall and Jane Shirk

**Dec. Closer:** Jane Shirk

**Children's Activities for Dec.** 12/4 Meghan Geede and Cassett Trout 12/11 Kit Parks and Michelle Parks 12/18 The Digons 12/25 **NO PROGRAM**

**Dec. Birthdays:** 1 Don McClure 12 Meghan Geede 20 Petey Crater 25 Jill Steward

**Dec. Anniversaries:** 21 Aaron and Meghan Geede 27 Joe and Connie Benner



**TO THE MANY MANY PEOPLE WHO WORKED ON OUR CARAMEL PROJECT THIS YEAR.** Particularly to our coordination team: Kit Parks, Jody Satzler, Deb Heisey, Connie Benner, Dick Crozier and Jerry Trout.

**THANKS ALSO** to everyone who donated gifts to the Angel Tree project this year!

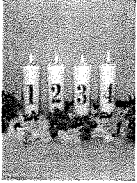


### WESTMINSTER'S COMMUNITY OUREACH TEAM

continues to offer us opportunities to reach out with God's love to the community. Many people are going to struggle this winter paying for fuel, food, rent, medicine and we want to find a way to help a little bit. To that end, we are going to be hosting a FREE community meal on February 8<sup>th</sup> in our adult Sunday School room. We are planning to make spaghetti, salad, bread and cookies.

We will need your help to cook and serve the meal, donate items and just be present as we seek to welcome the community to our church. Let's be more than a building sitting on a block, let's be a place where the community supported and welcomed!

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**FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS:** TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS.) OR TURKEY BREASTS; WHOLE CHICKENS; HAMS (3-5 LBS.); BOXED BROWNIE MIX OR COOKIE MIX; BOXED STUFFING AND TURKEY GRAVY; OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!



**MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER:** Salvation Army of Juniata County

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

**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!

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

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### 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	



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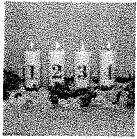
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4 HUPC Coffee Hour 8:45 HUPC Adult SS 8:30 HUPC Worship 9:30 and Zoom 9:30 SS (W) WUPC 11:00	5	6	7 Session (W) 6:00	8 Session (H) 6:30 p.m. Trustees (W) 3:45	9	10 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. @ Harling's
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