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Letter from the Pastor

A Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer

The Continental Congress approved independence on July 2, 1776, and adopted the final text of the Declaration of Independence on July 4. Most delegates signed the engrossed, or formal, copy on August 2. More than a decade later, 39 delegates signed the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787. Under Article VII, the Constitution would take effect among the ratifying states once nine of the thirteen states approved it. Delaware ratified first, on December 7, 1787; New Hampshire became the ninth state on June 21, 1788. The new federal government began operating in 1789: Congress convened on March 4, achieved a quorum in April, and George Washington was inaugurated as the first president on April 30.

Just months into his presidency, Washington issued the first presidential Thanksgiving proclamation under the new Constitution. Dated October 3, 1789, it followed a request from both houses of Congress that he recommend a day of public thanksgiving and prayer—an occasion for the American people to acknowledge "with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God." Washington designated Thursday, November 26, 1789, for the observance. The full text of the proclamation appears on page 4 of this newsletter. Washington's proclamation was not America's first public expression of thanksgiving. Colonial communities, the Continental Congress, and military leaders had long observed special days of gratitude and prayer. What made the 1789 proclamation distinctive was its place in the nation's new constitutional order: it was the first presidential Thanksgiving proclamation issued under the Constitution.
Its language is explicitly religious. Washington called on the nation to acknowledge God's providence, give thanks for His "signal and manifold mercies," seek pardon for "national and other transgressions," and pray for wisdom, justice, peace, and faithful public service. More than a celebration of prosperity, the proclamation joined thanksgiving with humility, repentance, and responsibility.

For Christians, gratitude is more than a cultural custom; it is a spiritual discipline that directs the heart toward God's mercy and will. Washington's proclamation offers a public model of that posture. It calls a nation blessed with liberty and ordered government to answer those gifts with sincere thanks and humble prayer.

In Washington's words, the people were invited to "unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks." That invitation still speaks with clarity today: true gratitude recognizes the source of every good gift, and true prayer seeks wisdom to use those gifts faithfully.

"Thankfulness in prayer keeps us centered not on what we need but on the One who meets every need"
– *Community Bible Study on Colossians.*

In Christ's love and service … Pastor Kube

November Worship Services

9:15 am Sunday School ~ 10:30 am Worship



Sunday, November 1
Lord's Supper, Baby Dedication, Pastor Call

Sunday, November 8

Sunday, November 15
Day School Sunday

Sunday, November 22

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent: Hope

Church Office:

804.550.9601 and office@newhighland.org
Monday—Friday, 8:30am—12:30pm
The church will be closed November 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Make a Difference Through Giving

Your generosity ensures we can support the leaders who guide, care for, and serve our congregation every day.

- Number/Impact: By giving, you directly invest in the pastoral and support staff who bring the church's mission to life.
- Result/Outcome: Numerous community members benefit from our programs and ministries.

"My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."
– Philippians 4:19

Thank You!
Your faithfulness makes ministry possible. Every dollar you give helps advance God's kingdom through our church.

Deacons on Call — November

Monte Evans 804.690.0396
Roy Peay 804.929.4402

Our Next Kingdom Kids Sunday: November 22





YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP

LiTE Nites continue to meet each week on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30pm. Spread the word, invite your friends and join us for a great time of fellowship and fun!

Contact Paul or Lori Rozecki if you would like to help with this ministry!



SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

1) Main & CLC Foyer Prayer Boxes
2) Contact Prayer Team (804-550-1562)
3) Contact Church Office (804-550-9601)
4) Online at newhighland.org/prayer/

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER RETREAT



Are you looking for a quiet space to connect with others and commune with God? Join the Young Adult Ministry on Saturday, November 14, for a prayer retreat in Wintergreen for an intentional day of prayer.

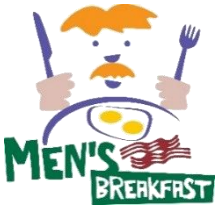
To sign up or receive more details about the schedule and transportation, Please contact Tessa Chenault at (804) 246-4811.

We hope to see you there!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our men meet for breakfast on the second Tuesday of each month at Cold Harbor Restaurant on Mechanicsville Turnpike at 7:15am.

Men, Please Join Us!





The Day School
AT NEW HIGHLAND

Thanks to your support, our MUM fundraiser was able to provide over $1500 to the Randye Cox Memorial Scholarship Fund!

We are also looking forward to November 15 when The Day School will join the NHBC worship service. Our students are excited to share with you in song.

The Day School admits students of any race, color, gender, creed, and national or ethnic origin.

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PUBLICATION DEADLINES

December Envoy — November 15
Bulletin — 12 pm Tuesdays

MoHope CANNED GOODS
Donation Requests for November:

Apples
Beans
Beefaroni
Beets
Chicken
Chili
Fruit Cocktail
Lasagna
Peaches
Ravioli
Spaghetti
Stew
Tuna
Vienna Sausages
Soups



We will be delivering the November collection to MoHope on December 1.

Donations can be left in the box at the Missions Table

Red Cross Blood Drive

NHBC is currently hosting monthly blood drives for the Red Cross. There is an extreme need for blood at this time.

American Red Cross | Blood Services

The next drive is Wednesday, November 11
from 1 pm to 6 pm in the CLC.
All blood types are needed and are being tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

Appointments are required.
Go to www.redcrossblood.org to register or call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767).
Future dates 12/16/26 & 01/14/27

November Birthdays

4	Rose Harper	21	Rick Purdy
4	Lydia Shearin	21	Holly Hutto
4	Temperance Fleming	21	Bruce McAleese
7	Tara Childs	21	Jeff Fitzgerald
10	Brian Flood	22	Matthew Fleming
10	Michelle Bonner	23	Susan Sandridge
11	Tessa Chenault	25	Gordon Martin
12	Eric Spitzer	26	Elaine Cliborne
14	William Finnegan	26	Tina Howell
19	Jon Cliborne	27	Mark Brown
19	Brandon Warner		





November Anniversaries

Lamar & Gale Kulp
DL & Leslie Wells
William & Janice Finnegan
Charles & Rose Harper



October Benevolence	November Mission Project	Church Council Meeting
538.00	MoHope & Shoebox Collection	November 9, 2026

Acts 2:43-47	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Attendance				
Sunday School	51	42	42	39
WORSHIP				
Online Households	2	9	1	5
In-Person	101	79	95	90
Budget				
Weekly Needs	**6,384.02**	**6,384.02**	**6,384.02**	**6,384.02**
Weekly Receipts	12,360.00	3,865.00	4,151.50	3,299.92
YTD Goal	255,360.80	261,744.82	268,128.84	274,512.86
YTD Receipts	241,530.97	245,316.97	249,468.47	252,768.39
Designated Gifts	917.00	2,072.00	150.00	0.00

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation [with original English].

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed- for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted-- for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord- To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Go: Washington