

# Jacob's Ladder

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## PURPOSE

To keep the members and friends of Jacob's Church informed of the ministries and happenings at our church and in the surrounding community to be **The Church on a Hill, Shining Forth for Jesus Christ**

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## THE PASTOR'S EPISTLE

### "BE JOYFUL"

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **JOY**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22,23

If you were asked the simple question, "Are you joyful," what would your answer be? I really believe that God wants all of us to have **JOY** and be fulfilled people. As stated in Psalm 118:24 "This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." When we study the verse, it becomes obvious that we have a choice whether or not to have **JOY**. Although circumstances play a part in our lives, the greatest influence on joy is (1) our attitude and (2) relationship with God. The apostle Paul while in a cruel Roman prison was able to proclaim "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Paul's relationship with God gave him strength to face all of life's hardships and still be a joyful person.

Why is it that some people can face one hardship after another and still have joy while others get bitter at life? I believe our attitude plays a significant role in answering that question. Again, the apostle Paul writes "Finally brethren, whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, virtuous or worth of praise, think on these things."

If we concentrate only on the negative, then unhappiness will follow. However, if we stop to "count our blessings" and concentrate on the lovely, pure and holy aspects of life, then **JOY** will follow.

Our greatest example of perfect **JOY** can be seen in the life of Jesus Christ. Even in the last hours of His life, after being cruelly mocked, beaten and crucified Jesus was at peace with his accusers when He stated "Father forgive them." Although not pleased with the circumstances He was experiencing, Jesus still possessed a "Spirit of peace and forgiveness."

Is it possible for us to have joy in a world full of stress and hardships? The answer to that question is "Yes!" Start counting your blessings today. Thank God for your life, family, health and job. Stop concentrating on the negative aspects of life. Learn to forgive and to say "I'm sorry." To a large degree, whether or not you are joyful in this life will depend upon you.

P.S. "Be Joyful!"

God Bless You! Pastor Shay

Jacob's Church Board Minutes

April 2, 2018

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Ronald Belknap, Michael Follweiler, David Zoghby

Deacons: Jared Hermany, Solomon Johri, James Moyer, Richard Oswald, Gary Readnack

Absent: Leslie Ford

Treasurer: David Follweiler

Youth Leader: Tad Schlegel

Guest: Curtis Staudt

1. Pastor Shay opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Tad Schlegel reported that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success.
3. A motion to donate the sanctuary piano and an electronic piano keyboard to the Roberto Clemente Charter School was made by Solomon Johri. Dick Oswald seconded and the motion carried.
4. The application for the Church Secretary position has been made available.
5. Jared Hermany made a motion to form a Special Events Committee. Dick Oswald seconded and the motion carried.
6. Mohan Ram will be arriving April 15.
7. Lifeline Health screening will be held May 31.

8. Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Follweiler as follows:

Balance at March 2018 meeting		\$42,185.35
Income	\$26,564.45	
Transfer from Memorial Fund	\$129.32	
Expenses	\$21,190.35	
Balance at March 2018 meeting		\$47,688.77

A motion to accept the report was made by Dick Oswald and seconded by Solomon Johri. The motion carried.

9. A motion to accept the minutes from the March 5, 2018 meeting was made by Michael Follweiler and seconded by Solomon Johri. The motion carried.
10. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Belknap and seconded by Jared Hermany. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Readnack

**ORGAN ENHANCEMENT FUND** - Your donations to this fund will be used for additional pipes required to complete families of tone in conjunction with fine organ design and building. This money is in addition to the \$65,505.00 voted on at the December 1, 1996 meeting to restore our organ and prepare for the additions. All donations should be sent to:

Jacob's Church Treasurer  
C/O David Follweiler  
6893 Whitetail Court  
New Tripoli, PA 18066

At our December 3, 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$3,988 per week in order to meet our 2018 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in April 2018:

April	1	\$6,143.25
April	8	\$3,335.00
April	15	\$4,190.00
April	22	\$5,022.00
April	29	\$3,365.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – April	\$67,796.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – April	\$76,626.54
Amount Over Budget for January – April	\$ 8,830.54



*Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:*

<i>(2) Altar vases</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>(1) Floral stand</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Bud vase</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
<i>Bulletins</i>	<i>\$ 5.00</i>

*Contact Pam Zoghby to order Flowers  
610-298-3002*

**Greeters/Ushers for June**

- June 3 Tom and Candice Danner & Family
  - June 10 Church Board
  - June 17 Solomon/Ginger Johri and Family
  - June 24 Tom/Faye Foulk-Curtis/Joan Staudt
- Greeters should be at church by 9:45 am**

**Flowers for June**

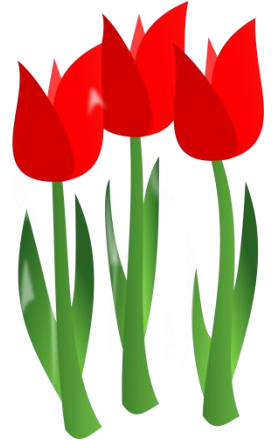
- June 3
- June 10
- June 17
- June 24

## June Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations and Best Wishes To The Following Couples  
Celebrating Their Wedding Anniversaries:

*Duane and Rebecca Bertsch  
Robert and Cheryl Boyer  
Jeremy and Sheena Crone  
Justin and Jade Dahlquist  
Aaron and Ronee Foulk  
Robert and Kay Greenawalt  
Ryan and Gail Hamm  
Slade and Kinsey Hermany*

*Adam and Kelly Krick  
Steven and Kristen Kunkel  
Perry and Liz Long  
Lester and Linda Lutz  
Allen and Judy Newhard  
Jeff and Cathy Peter  
Christopher and Kerry Phillips  
Michael and Sheila Sacks*



## Marriages

Congratulations and best wishes to Austin Thomas Smith Foulk and Angela Nicole Giunta who were united in marriage on Friday, May 18, 2018 at Woodstone Country Club, Danielsville. Pastor Shay officiated the marriage ceremony. Austin is the son of Thomas Andrew and Faye Martha Smith Foulk. May God's Blessings be upon Austin and Angela.

Congratulations and best wishes to Michael F. Blevins and Kimberly Sue Dietrich who were united in marriage on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at Lancaster County Club, Lancaster PA. Pastor Shay officiated the marriage ceremony. Kimberly is the daughter of Bruce Dietrich. May God's Blessings be upon Michael and Kimberly.

## Thank You

A special thank you to Alan Hoffner, who donated potatoes for the Ladies Banquet which was held Saturday, May 5.

**Thank You Note From Abigail George:** Thank you very much for your extremely generous donation towards my mission's trip to China. Thank you for all of your prayers and support, they are greatly appreciated. I am excited to see how God works through me this summer and how I can be a better influence in my church and community.

A special thank you to Cindy Kuhns for all you have done for Jacob's Church during your years of service as church secretary and for your ongoing commitment to serve the Lord. Cindy was recognized for her service on Sunday, May 20.

Life Line Screening was held on Thursday, May 31 in the Activity Center. Fifty people registered for the screening. A special thank you to Ruth and Charles Kaley, Corrine Bast, Curtis Staudt for overseeing the event. A big thank you to Pastor Shay and crew that took the time to set up the tables and chairs.

## We Welcome.....

**We welcome the following young men and women into our Jacob's Church Family. The following were confirmed on Sunday, May 20.**

Jocelyn Susan Bernhard, daughter of Daniel & Jennifer Bernhard of Lynnport, is presently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwestern Lehigh. Her future plans are to go to college to become an elementary school teacher. She plans to keep dancing and use her gifts to help the community and others.

Roselyn Victoria Bernhard, daughter of Daniel & Jennifer Bernhard of Lynnport, is presently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwestern Lehigh. Her future plans are to go to college to become a veterinarian. She plans to keep dancing and use her gifts to help others who are hurting and show love to her community.

Elijah Frank Dellicker, son of Kevin & Susan Dellicker of Germansville, is presently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwestern Lehigh. In the future he plans to attend college and use his gift of helps for others.

Jacob Christian Follweiler, son of Michael & Denise Follweiler of Kempton, is presently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwestern Lehigh. He plans to attend vo-tech and use his gifts at Jacob's Church VBS and Dinners.

Jayda Elizabeth Holland, daughter of Josh & Tania Hemsley of Kempton, is presently in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Kutztown Area High School. She plans to attend college in the future, and she will use her gifts to help in VBS.

Elijah Matthias Johri, son of Solomon & Ginger Johri of Germansville, is presently in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwestern Lehigh. He will use his gifts in music and enthusiasm to serve others.

Amanda Courtney Reidenhour, daughter of Kenneth S.A. Reidenhour, granddaughter of Kenneth & Bonnie Reidenhour of Steinsville is currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwestern Lehigh. She plans to go to college in the future and use her gifts to help children.

Rebecca Mary Shoemaker, daughter of Dennis & LeAnn Shoemaker of Kempton, is presently in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Kutztown Area High School. She plans to work as a hairdresser in the future, and use her gifts of helps with VBS.

Alexandra (Lexi) Grace Silva, daughter of Charlene Silva and Mark Silva of New Tripoli, is presently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwestern Lehigh. She plans to attend college in the future and continue to dance and use her gifts for VBS.

Sydney Marie Utt, daughter of Kevin & Heather Utt of New Tripoli, is presently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwestern Lehigh. She plans to go to baking/pastry college in the future. She will use her gifts of singing, helping, and music to benefit others.

Khalan Arlene Van Blargan, daughter of Timothy & Mary Van Blargan of Tamaqua, is presently homeschooled in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. In the future she plans to become a marine. Her gifts are helping, listening, and healing.

Marissa Grace Wessner, daughter of Jake & Melinda Wessner of New Tripoli, is presently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Northwestern Lehigh. In the future she plans to go to college and become a social worker. She will use her gift of helps in VBS.

## What's coming up?

**NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS** there is a sign-up sheet in the church parlor up for the new 2018-2020 Confirmation Class forming in the fall. Students must be in at least the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to be in the class.

**A LITTLE HELP PLEASE!** Jacob's Church would like to recognize the high school and college graduates from our congregation. Please contact Pastor Shay or the church secretary with names of friends or relatives who will be graduating this spring.

### *We need your HELP!* SPADE Event

On Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Spade will be hosting a picnic and fellowship time for the International students from Lehigh University from 4:00-7:00pm. This is an opportunity for everyone involved to introduce the love of Christ to these students.

Ways you can help serve this group:

- Prepare a picnic covered dish
- Attend event & fellowship with students
- Help set up or clean up before and/or after event
- Grilling hamburgers and hot dogs



Please sign-up on sheet on bulletin board. If you will be preparing a covered dish, but not attending event, please deliver the dish to Spade by 2pm on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**VBS HELP NEEDED** volunteers to help with music, cooking, decorating, teaching, games, leadership, building props.

***SIGN UP SHEET IN CHURCH PARLOR***

## DON'T WORRY, INSTEAD FIND HOPE IN GOD DURING TRIALS

How many of you have ever found yourself in a circumstance where you were afraid? Maybe you were afraid because you were living on your own in this crazy world for the first time without your parents to guide you. Maybe you were afraid because you just lost your job and you weren't sure how you were going to pay your bills. Or, maybe you were afraid because your spouse, whom you were married to for most of your life, has passed. Now, you need to learn how to live life without them.

All of us experience being afraid at some point in our lives. For me, it was when my son, Michael, was born. My wife, Lauren, had to have an emergency C section because there were complications with the baby. So, they cut her open, but because of the complications she tore open. This caused her to lose a lot of blood. I remember walking in the room after getting my gown on and seeing her lying on the table. She was shivering, and her lips were blue. I remember hearing her repeat to me, "I'm cold". At the same time Michael was born, and they held him up close to the lights like they did with *Simba* in the *Lion King*, so I could see him. However, I also remember the panic of the doctors after they saw how much blood she was losing. As the doctors handed me Michael, a fear came over me. As I sat and looked at my wife, and then at Michael, a thought ran through my head. What if Lauren doesn't make it through this ordeal? At that point I feared not only for her life, because I would be losing my best friend and partner, but I feared raising Michael as a single father. It was then that I began to pray. Suddenly, a Bible verse, that has been very close to my heart since giving my life to Christ, ran through my head. Proverbs 3:5-6 reads:

["Trust in the Lord with all your heart do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."](#)

It was then that a peace came over me. I realized that God was going to take care of us, and he did. Lauren recovered from losing so much blood, and Michael has just turned seven months old. God provided for us, and all I had to do was trust in him.

"All I had to do," sounds easy, right?

However, trusting in God is easier said than done when it comes to trials. Thankfully, Jeremiah 29:1-14 shows us how to trust God amidst trials.

I want to share these helpful steps with you in the next four newsletters so that you may use them if you are currently going through a trial. If you are not, praise God. However, I would suggest that you would still take notes as one day you will face a trial in your life. So, we will discover together that one can find hope in God amidst trials by (1) continuing to live your life for God; (2) not being led away from God through lies; and (3) knowing God has not left you.

When you put all this together the text shows us that:

- Trusting in our plans during trials brings worry but trusting in God's plans during trials brings glory.

Dave Evans

Malulani Dancers

YVONNE HARTMAN MUSIC

Encounter Band

Jim Ehrman

Jacob's Church Presents

# SHINEFEST

SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST

**AUG 25th  
12-10 PM**

**PLUS**

Speaker Pastor Scott Shay, Glow Party Featuring DJ Ali,  
Extreme Inflatables, Rock and Face Painting, Tractor Contest,  
AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

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