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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 EPISTLE

“TRUST GOD AS WE MOVE FORWARD”

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. – Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT**

Last month my family and I went to the beach. My son Michael, who is only 3 years old, has never experienced the beach before in his life. Yet, he was excited to go. Why? Well, it was because Mom and Dad talked about how much fun it was. Not only that, but he saw pictures and shows about fun times at the beach. So, when we got to the beach that day, he was excited to experience the fun that he had seen and heard about. However, nobody explained to him that in the ocean there were things called waves that sent water splashing into your face. Michael is not a big fan about getting splashed in the face with water. Still, that day at the beach, he took a step outside his comfort zone, after some coaxing from Mom and Dad of course, and went into the water for the very first time.

We, here at Jacob's Church, currently find ourselves in a time of change. A time between one era that has ended and one era that is to come. What that future looks like ahead nobody really knows, but God does. He knows what's in store for Jacob's Church. He knows who will be leading the church as the new pastor. So, though things may feel uncomfortable at times because we don't know what lies ahead, we need to move forward. We need to move forward and continue to trust God every step we take as a church.

That's why Proverbs 3:5-6 is one of my favorite verses. It is a reminder that God is in control. He can see the full picture of our lives. Where we can only see what is currently happening. So, as we move forward as a church trust that God knows what he is doing. After all, he is our perfect creator. Second, continue to seek the will of God as we move forward so that what we do as a church is honoring and glorifying him.

After Michael experienced the water that day for the very first time, he began to enjoy it. In fact, at times he wanted to venture out further. Why did Michael become so brave as the day went on? It was because he trusted Mom and Dad as they took him out into the water. He knew that no matter what they would take care of him. That they were in control. So, be like Michael as we move forward. Trust our Heavenly Father every step of the way.

God Bless You, Pastor Schlegel

JACOB'S CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 2021

Attendance: Pastor Shay

Elders: Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler

Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Kayla Fusselman, Jared Hermany, Solomon Johri, Jim Moyer, Ed Sawyer

Youth Leader: Tad Schlegel

Treasurer: David Follweiler

Visitors: Faye Foulk, Lindsay Marzano, Katie Sacks, Curtis Stoudt

1. Tad Schlegel opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Lindsay Marzano – Presented a request to begin a Co-Op Home School program using the Activity Center Tuesdays from 1 pm to 4 pm beginning October 11, 2021 to May 15, 2022.
3. Curtis Staudt – Present on the behalf of the Cemetery Committee to discuss the possibility of putting a new road in for the cemetery. Jared Hermany will be investigating the possibility.
4. Curtis Staudt – requested to donate a Pickle Ball net to Jacob's Church Activity Center. A motion was made to grant Curtis's request by Kevin Dellicker and seconded by Ed Sawyer. The motion carried.
5. Property Committee – Jared Hermany reports work day on July 31 repaired ceiling in the church and built fence at Tad's house. Another work day is scheduled for August 28.
6. Fuel Oil – Jared Hermany reports Countryside Fuel Oil has released prepay pricing and is valid until the end of October. He will be looking at prices to find best options.
7. School Bus – Jared Hermany reports bus is officially for sale.
8. School House – Jared Hermany reports the Structural Engineer has submitted a proposal and will be inspecting the school house towards the end of August.
9. Youth Group – Tad Schlegel reports the groups are on summer break. Sidewalk Sunday School has been meeting all of July. Held a Parents Night Out and 1 child was there. No children are attending the Germansville location and he is assessing next step to take with that location. Young Adults did not meet in July and are scheduled to meet this month.
10. Website/Social Media/Podcasts - Tad Schlegel reports this week's service streamed without issue.
11. VBS/Shinefest - Tad Schlegel reports VBS good success with about 60 children. Sunday Service with Shinefest had about 30 children and went very well. Reports he is planning a VBS Volunteer Thank You dinner for September 11, 2021.
12. Pulpit Committee – Ron Belknap reports the committee is working on church personality profile document. Next meeting is scheduled for August 23.
13. JM Dirtworx - have formally donated the work they did in the alley. A letter of thanks to be sent.
14. Music Director Search Committee – a signup sheet will be placed in back of church.
15. The Church Board will be Greeters on August 8.
16. Tad's Ordination – Still scheduled for August 8.
17. Tad Vacation requests – vacations are scheduled for August 9 to the 13 and October 26 to the 29.
18. Pastor Shay Topics – Pastor Shay and Tad have started the transition period of pastoral procedures.
19. A Love Offering for Mohan Ram was requested by Pastor Shay. A motion was made to grant the request by Ed Sawyer and seconded by Solomon Johri. The motion carried.
20. Pastor Emeritus – This honorary title is given to a retired pastor for many years of faithful service. A motion was made to grant this title to Pastor Shay by Jared Hermany and seconded by Kevin Dellicker. The motion carried.
21. Oyster Supper – Faye Foulk presents Ron Smith request to start planning the next Oyster Supper. At this point the Kitchen Committee is unsure if it will be a sit-down dinner or a drive through event.
22. The Board reviewed Lindsay Marzano's Co-Op proposal and a motion was made by Kevin Dellicker to allow the Co-Op with the stipulation they clean after use. The motion was seconded by Solomon Johri and the motion carried.
23. Interim Pastor – A motion was made to establish a comprehensive compensation package for the title of Interim Pastor at Jacob's Church at \$60,000.00 by Kayla Fusselman and was seconded by Kevin Dellicker. The motion carried. Tad will receive the difference from his current salary of \$46,350.00 while serving as Interim Pastor.
24. Treasurer's Report – June 28, 2021 meeting balance \$31,518.48

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| Income | \$22,510.88 |
| Expenses | \$32,149.62 |
| August 2, 2021 meeting balance | \$21,879.74 |

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Reports as read by Jared Hermany and seconded by Solomon Johri. The motion carried.

- 25. Meeting Minutes- A motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended was made by Kevin Dellicker and seconded by Jared Hermany. The motion carried.
- 26. The next Board Meeting is set for August 30, 2021.
- 27. A Closing Prayer was offered by Mike Follweiler.
- 28. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jared Hermany and seconded by Kevin Dellicker. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Solomon Johri

At our December 6, 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,509.00 per week in order to meet our 2021 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in August 2021:

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| August 1 | \$4,413.80 |
| August 8 | \$4,584.00 |
| August 15 | \$4,394.00 |
| August 22 | \$2,725.00 |
| August 29 | \$7,304.41 |

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| Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for Jan.-August | \$157,815.00 |
| Actual Tithes and Offerings for Jan.-August | \$146,475.56 |
| Deficit for January-August | \$ 11,339.44 |

Next Jacob’s Church Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Monday, October 4, 2021
Next Jacob’s Church Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, October 11, 2021

Dear Lord,
I pray for all those that are needing hope,
strength and encouragement.
Please minister to them now.
I pray that You would work in their hearts.
Dry their tears. Take away their fears.
Be their Healer, Comforter and Provider.
You know who is struggling and You know
each one by name. Please have compassion
and mercy, and may they feel Your
presence like never before.
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen

Jacob's Church Commitments for October.... THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

Greeters/Ushers for October

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| October 3 | Jacob's Church Board |
| October 10 | Solomon and Ginger Johri Elijah and Isaiah Johri |
| October 17 | Michael and Jacob Follweiler Gary and Carolyn Krick |
| October 24 | Jacob's Confirmation Class |
| October 31 | Brian and Kayla Fusselman Edward, Tracy, Andrew, Lucas Sawyer |
- Greeters should be at church by 9:45am**

Puppet Ministry

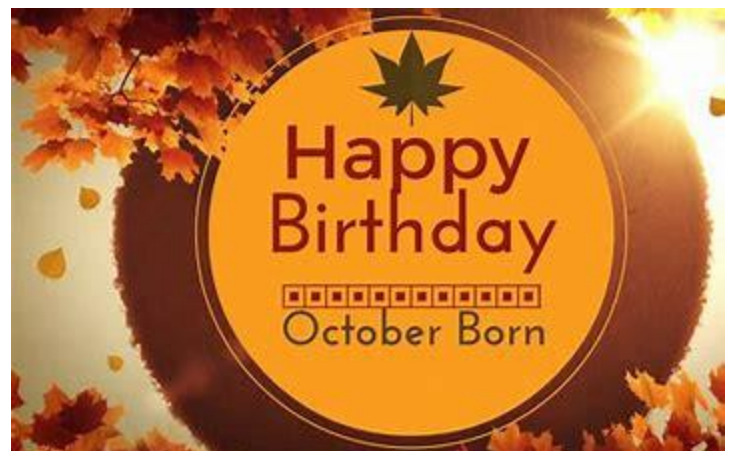
- Sunday, October 3, 2021**
Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer
Sunday, October 24, 2021
Ginger Johri and Rose Moyer



Flowers for October

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| October 3 | Robert Nester - In memory of Janet Petrow |
| October 10 | Jacob's Altar Committee |
| October 17 | Jacob's Altar Committee |
| October 24 | Anniversary of Jared and Andrea Hermany |
| October 31 | Jacob's Altar Committee |

October Acolyte
Joshua Farber



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Congratulations and Best Wishes to the following couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in October:

*Daniel and Jennifer Bernhard
Richard and Angela Bittner
Chris and Shani Feinour
Michael and Denise Follweiler
Andrew and Katie Foulk
Kyle and Juliet Harshbarger
Jared and Andrea Hermany
Solomon and Ginger Johri
Ethan and Joanna Keichel
Zach and Jennifer Madtes
Donnie and Blaise Malloy
Robert and Tracy Miller*

*Donald and Eileen Myers
Adam and Tonya Peter
Justin and Katelyn Pradel
Kevin and Jennifer Randall
Chad and Rachel Reppert
Wilson and Michelle Reppert
Ray and Kaitlin Sacks
Walter and Lucille Schlottman
Timothy and Ashley Van Blargan
James and Melinda Wessner
Vadim and Amanda Yamayev
Jeffrey and Candace Zoghby*

Mourning the Loss Of...

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away, Revelation 21:4

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Mary Alyce (Hermany) Duchesne, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Saturday 4, 2021 at the age of 79 years, 9 months, and 11 days. Mary was born on Monday, November 24, 1941, the daughter of the late Milton Samuel and Pauline Muriel (Christman) Hermany. Graveside services for Mary were held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Jacobs Union Cemetery with Rev. Tad M. Schlegel officiating. Please keep the Duchesne and Hermany families in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from your Jacob's Church Family.



Infant Baptism

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6



Valerie Rose Husted, who was born Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in Bethlehem, PA, was baptized at Jacob's Church on Sunday, September 12, 2021 with Rev. Tad M. Schlegel officiating the sacrament. Valerie is the daughter of Bryan and Lauren (Nikischer) Husted and also the youngest sibling of Landen and Caroline, all of Kempton. Her sponsors are John Dagon and Chelsea Dagon. Bryan is the son of John Husted and Theresa Rixford, and Lauren is the daughter of Jon Nikischer and Gina Smith. We praise God for our wonderful children and their potential to serve Jesus and His Church.

Infant Dedication

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. 3 John 1:4



Shepherd Jared Hermany, who was born on Sunday, August 8 2021 in Allentown, PA, was dedicated at Jacob's Church on Sunday, August 29, 2021 with Rev. Scott L. Shay officiating the sacrament. Shepherd is the son of Jared and Andrea (Held) Hermany, and also the youngest sibling of Aria, Asa and Nola Hermany, all of New Tripoli. Jared is the son of Richard Hermany and Kathy Hermany. Andrea is the daughter of Robert and Cindy Held. We praise God for our wonderful children and their potential to serve Jesus and His Church.

GIVE *Thanks*
to the **LORD**,
FOR HE IS GOOD:
HIS *Love* ENDURES
FOREVER!

Psalm 107:2

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JACOB'S CHURCH



STEPHEN MINISTRY – Christ caring for people through people
Everyone faces periods of difficulty. During these times, someone who will listen, empathize, pray and encourage them with Christ's love and care can be a tremendous benefit.

COVENANT SIGNING – During the months of **October** and **November**, members of Jacob's Church will have the opportunity to renew their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ by a **voluntary** signing of the Church Covenant. During this time, we are reminded once again of the vow we made to God and his Church the day we proclaimed Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. We praise God for His Church and the opportunity we have to serve.



FREE WINTERIZATION CAR CHECK to be held on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021**, between the hours of **9:00AM to 12:00PM**. Mike Sacks and Sons will check your car's fluid, tires, belts, antifreeze, battery, and check engine light.

Have your car checked for winter so YOUR NOT STUCK OUT IN THE COLD!

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 3, 2021** during the 10:15AM Worship Service. Communion will be served in the pew that morning. Circle this date on your calendar for this special service!



HARVEST HOME SERVICE – will be held on **Sunday, October 17, 2021**. Please share in this day of celebrating the blessings of our Lord. The items collected will be delivered to the Lowhill Food Pantry to assist families in the Northwestern

Lehigh District. Non-perishables and canned goods may be brought to church through **Sunday, October 17th** and placed on the table in the parlor area. Fresh fruits and vegetables may be brought on **Sunday, October 17th**. “Praise God from whom all blessings flow!” Thank you for all you do.

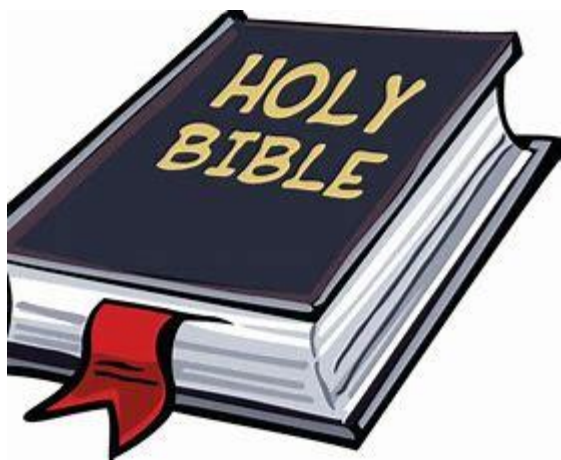
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – Remember to turn your clocks back on **Sunday, November 7, 2021** otherwise you will be at Church School and Family Worship an hour too early!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Feel free to pick up a shoebox in the church sanctuary, fill it up with fun stuff and bring it back to the church by **Sunday, November 14, 2021**. If you prefer, you may place a monetary gift in the offering plate in an envelope marked OCC. Thank you for your generous participation!

SISTERS OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY meet **Tuesday** mornings in the Activity Center **9:30AM-11:30AM**. For additional information, please contact Louise Hill at 610.573.1977 or Donna Shay at 610.298.2602. A new study will begin on Tuesday, October 5th (“Trusting God” by Jerry Bridges”). A few extra books are still available. If you did not order one, but would like to purchase a book, talk to Louis Hill.



FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRY meet on **Tuesday evenings** at **7:00PM** in the Activity Center meeting room. Please contact Diane Wertman 484-330-1033 for questions.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST GROUP meet on **Wednesday mornings** at **7:00AM** to approximately **8:30AM**. For additional information, please contact Ralph Hill at 610.767.1286.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY GROUP meet on **Wednesday evenings** in the Activity Center starting at **7:00PM**. A new study starting **Wednesday, October 6, 2021!** The group will review the DVD series of “Living with Confidence in a Chaotic

World” by Dr. David Jeremiah. The cost of the study guide is \$5.00. Please sign up in the parlor area and join the study today!

CHOIR REHEARSAL is held on **Thursday evenings at 7:30PM**. All voices are welcome! Any additional information, please contact Brenda Phillips at 484.515.1756.

ANNOUNCEMENT Brenda Phillips, Director of Music of Jacob’s Church is resigning from her position as of December 31, 2021. If anyone is interested in being on the **Director of Music Search Committee**, please sign-up on the sheet provided in the church parlor area. Thank you.

LADIES NIGHT OUT will meet on **Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:30PM**. For additional information, please contact Kayla Fusselman at 610.756.6317.

TWIN PINES ADULT RETREAT - Friday, November 12 – Sunday, November 14, 2021 - \$80 per person - Sign up now (in Church Parlor) for our Annual Adult Retreat at Twin Pines Church Camp. Discussion on “The Beatitudes”. This will truly be a wonderful blessing! Deadline to sign up is today, **Sunday, October 31, 2021**.



OYSTER SUPPER DRIVE THRU – Saturday, November 6, 2021; serving 3:00PM to 7:00PM in the Activity Center Parking Lot. Lots of help is needed to make this event successful. Please consider helping **Friday, November 6th** and **Saturday, November 6th**. Please reach out to Ron Smith at 610-298-3405. There is also a sign-up sheet posted on Bulletin Board in the parlor area. Please take the time to sign-up!

ALL CHURCH COMMITTEES – In order to prepare for our Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, December 5, 2021** all 2020 Committee Reports are due to the Administrative Assistant, Faye Foulk on or before **Sunday, October 31st**. The following committees and ministries need to submit their reports Activity Center Director, Altar Committee, Archives Committee, Choir Director, Christian Education Committee, Freedom in Christ Ministry, Jacob’s Church Little Lambs Preschool, Kitchen Committee, Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Mid-Week Bible Study, Missions Committee, Property Committee, Scholarship Committee, Sisters of Esther, Special Events Committee, Stephen Ministry, Women of the Church, Youth Group. Please submit to novaps@aol.com. Thank you





**OYSTER SUPPER DRIVE THRU
JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER**

**8373 Kings Highway, New Tripoli 18066
(near Leaser Lake)**

Saturday, November 6, 2021

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

MENU: Oyster Pies - \$9.00

Oyster Stew - \$8.00

Fried (4) Oysters Platter - \$15.00

Fried (7) Shrimp Platter - \$12.00

Fried Combo (2) Oyster/ (4) Shrimp Platter - \$13.00

Platters Include: Baked Potato and Pepper Cabbage

Additional Fried Oysters – \$2.50

Whole Fruit Pies (Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Peach)

Coconut Cream Pies (all pies \$10.00)

Additional Pepper Cabbage by pint - \$3.00; quart - \$5.00

PRE-ORDERED TAKE-OUT DINNERS ONLY!

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

CASH OR CHECK ONLY


NO CREDIT CARDS

To Place your order call one of the following:

Faye B. – 610-298-2271

Faye F.– 610-751-5742

Leann S. – 610-739-6896



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Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.


Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness.
For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called Children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake.
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



JACOB'S CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

Jacob's Church Youth Group will meet each Sunday morning after worship in the Activity Center at 12:00PM-1:30PM.

Come out and join the group for Sidewalk Sunday School at the following locations! Hope to see you there! This ministry is for kids from 3 years old to 5th Grade. Our mission is to fulfill the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:19-20. At Sidewalk Sunday School Eugene and Becky will be telling stories from the Bible, playing games, singing songs and dancing, among many other crazy things. Not only that, but there are free snacks and surprises!

Sidewalk Sunday School

Sidewalk Sunday School is taking place at Jefferson Court Cul-de-sac in New Tripoli each **Wednesday** from **4:30PM to 5:15PM.**

Sidewalk Sunday School at Heidelberg Heights Park!

Sidewalk Sunday School at Heidelberg Heights Park will resume on Thursday, October 7th, located at the corner of Heidelberg Heights Road and Glen Court, from **4:30PM to 5:15 PM.**



Young Adults Group

This group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at **6:30PM.** If you are interested in joining us, or want more information, please contact Tad Schlegel at 717-644-1153. For those of you with children, child care will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact
Tad Schlegel, Youth Leader -717.644.1153 or tad836@yahoo.com



JACOB'S CHURCH

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

2021-2022

We kicked off a new year at Little Lambs preschool on September 7th! We have so much we are looking forward to over the next several months with our amazing Preschoolers! We have been busy making new friends, playing, singing, and crafting! Fall is right around the corner and we have lots of fun planned to enjoy God's beautiful season!!!



2021-22 Little Lamb Important Dates

Tuesday, October 5 – Picture Day
Thursday, October 7 Community Helper Visit

Panama Updates

Hello from a partly sunny and mostly rainy Panama. I just wanted to send off an update before I get back home in October.

Yes, it is heavy into the rainy season, but that doesn't mean that I am hiding inside. We just finished 10 Days of Prayer and fasting here. 6 different churches participated in various levels of commitment. It was interesting to see who is really interested in growing their faith and relationship with Jesus. Some took the 10 days seriously, others no. No matter how much I express the importance of prayer, some still underestimate the power of prayer. That is a mistake on their part. Everything in its time, I guess. We did have about 12 baptisms planned, but to date, that didn't happen. It occurred to me today that now isn't the time for river baptisms. The rivers are really muddy and dangerous. We will hold off till December when the weather begins to change to summer. That is also ok because the baptism candles, I ordered a month ago, still haven't come.

During the 10 Days of Prayer, I was extremely busy. Something like 11 church services and prayer meetings in 11 days, PLUS, in the middle of it all, I had a day of handing out about 500 pairs of eyeglasses in Hato Chami. The logistics of it all was challenging. I need to do a better job of scheduling next year. I was encouraged by the fact that 3 different children under 13 years old, agreed to pray in the services. They did great! You could tell that they were listening to the adults pray. I have been encouraging the parents to spend more time with their kids, teaching them to pray.

Thanks to those of you in the states that also participated in some fashion in the 10 Day event.

Very soon the church will be powered by solar panels. I have 99% of the parts, and will pick up the last piece Monday.

I continued to be blessed in many ways by my friends in the USA. Thank you so much for your prayers, love, and support.

My health has been good, but my back is giving me more problems than I would like. So far, prayer hasn't helped.

The mission here in San Felix is gradually moving again as the Covid cases wane. In the high-risk pregnancy center here, there still are babies born every day.

I had a scare recently, as 2 of my dear 'adopted granddaughters' were struck by lightning while leaving their church. I just happened to be a couple hundred yards away when this strike happened. I did not know of the incident till about an hour later when I was walking to their house. I personally know of 9 people in my 10 ½ years here, that have been struck by lightning. 3 died, 1 was hospitalized 3 days and the other 5 lived, but had various temporary problems. The most interesting thing is, the 5 with the least problems were ALL leaving their church when the lightning struck! I believe God was protecting them.

I started my 18th Rainwater Recovery System to be installed on the 'home' of Emilio. He is the blind pastor I have been helping. Thanks to funding from the states, it is possible to do this.

Actually, there is another pastor that doesn't see well at all because of cataracts. So, I bought him an audio bible with a solar charger on it. The audio Bible also has 199 lessons on the doctrines in the bible. It is really informative.

I plan on coming to the states October 14 and will stay for 5 Sundays. That will give me the opportunity to visit various churches to do a presentation on Panama. See you all soooooon! God Bless everyone.

Joyfully Serving Him,

Bob Moyer

Panama Pictures



LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!

Jacob's congregation bids farewell to Pastor Scott Shay

BY ANNA GILGOFF
Special to The Press

Amid hymns of glory and praise, the congregation filled Jacob's Church, Jacksonville, Lynn Township, for the weekly worship and to bid their retiring pastor, Scott Shay, a final farewell in his role as their shepherd.

The day was the 14th Sunday of Pentecost and the stained-glass windows on either side of the "church on a hill" seemed to glow as the pastor conducted the service concluding his 33 years of service there.

Pastor Shay extended special blessings to the Hermany family as their youngest member was presented.

For the children's service, the pastor invoked Mr. Rogers when he reminded them "there is no one just like you."

Taking a container of seashells he had gathered at Sanibel, he gave one to each child.

"There's something about these seashells I want you to understand," he said, holding one up. "There's no other seashell in the whole world just like this one."

"That's how you are. That's how God makes them. You are unique just like the seashell. You are beautiful and wonderfully made."

As the congregants gave their prayer requests, the pastor prayed for those suffering the effects of the hurricane and flooding in Tennessee.

"I pray for my dear Jacob's Church," he added in the prayer request. "This is a time which causes us to reflect. I thank you for my entire ministry, for 44 years."

Special music presented by Susan Stuffle and Joan Oswald augmented the many hymns offered throughout the service.



Pastor Scott Shay and his wife, Donna, walked the center aisle in flurry of emotions and good wishes at Jacob's Church.

Pastor Shay has served for more than four decades, with 33 out of 44 years at Jacob's Church, eight years at St. John's UCC, Fredericksburg, Lebanon County, and three years as a Navy chaplain at Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Ga.

He was drawn to the ministry as he watched Billy Graham on television.

"I understood at 8 or 9 years of age what I wanted to do," he said.

"I was fortunate because God had a plan for me. God had his hand on me."

To illustrate his point, the pastor recalled a particular moment while deer hunting as a youngster.

"I was alone in the woods and couldn't get a breath," he said. "When one of our hunters was walking by, he pounded on me until I got my breath back."

See SHAY on Page A2



PRESS PHOTO BY CHUCK HIXSON

Brinley Rex scored two goals in Northwestern's 4-0 win over Salisbury Saturday.



Michael Schlegel, Samuel Sacks, Sophia Sacks

SHAY

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The pastor admitted as a teenager he thought he would get a good paying job at Hershey Chocolate Factory, Quentín, Lebanon County, after graduating from high school.

Instead, he applied to Bloomsburg after writing his college essay on "the miracle of faith."

"There's no coincidence," he said. "But my application was accepted."

The pastor met his wife at Bloomsburg.

"Donna was the first girl I was introduced to at Bloomsburg," he said. "We got married and had two wonderful children."

After graduation, he attended Lancaster Theological Seminary.

"It's wonderful in



During the children's service, Autumn Heintzelman received a seashell as a symbol of her uniqueness.

PRESS PHOTOS BY ANNA GILGOFF

hindsight to look back on your life," he mused. "God is faithful. God is for you."

In his closing remarks, Pastor Shay urged the congregants to "accept and believe in God and the Holy Trinity."

"You are the salt and you are light. You can make a difference. Give the new pas-

tor a chance. I made my mistakes. I ask your forgiveness. It's been an honor. I pray for God's grace upon you."

Youth leader the Rev. Tad M. Schlegel will serve as interim pastor.

Several tributes followed the minister's parting words and the end of the service.

Jacob's Church Board President Ron Belknap

offered his appreciation on behalf of the church community.

He admitted that church members struggled with "what an appropriate gift for you" might be, joking they toyed with the idea of a trip around the world or a hunting trip to Africa.

"We want to thank you for your service," he said, presenting gifts that included an engraved plaque and a large bouquet of flowers for the pastor's wife, Donna Shay.

In a moment of levity, a 6-foot-long hoagie was hauled into the church in recognition of the pastor's love of that particular sandwich.

A certificate for a trip was also presented and the congregants exited the church to break bread together in celebration.



Bryan and Lauren Husted and their children Landon, Caroline and Valerie recently joined Jacob's Church because of the family atmosphere.



Lucas Sawyer

THANK YOU!

*Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever. Psalm 106:1*

THANK YOU, OUR JACOB'S CHURCH FAMILY,

Dear Jacob's Church Family,

Where have 33 years gone? Like the word of God says, "Life is like a vapor, shadow or breeze". Someone asked me if during our final service together I could picture all of our dear friends, who are now with The Lord? I said, "They truly were on my heart". Precious Memories.

Keep your vision true in striving to serve our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Remember, "When our labor is in the Lord, our labor is not in vain." Thank you for your love and for the memories. John 14:6
God Bless, Pastor Scott

Dear Friends,

We've been truly blessed to have been part of the Jacob's Church Family for 33 years. We've been through a lot together, and we will always treasure the many happy memories that we share.

Thank you hardly seems enough, but we are ever so grateful for the outpouring of love throughout the years and on Scott's special Sunday when you honored him for his service. We enjoyed the day immensely, and we thank you for the beautiful plaque etched with the outline of our precious church, the flowers, the 6-foot hoagie, and the monetary gift. We appreciate your generosity!

Keep on keeping on! Remember your purpose to love God and love people. Remember your mission to tell others about Christ! Thanking God for you. Ephesians 1:16 NLT

Love, Donna



John and Lori,

We are amazed at how kind and helpful you both were towards all of us who you just met.

We are delighted that we got to make your acquaintance, and thrilled to have you as our helpers on our special day.

You make everyone feel comfortable and in good hands.

Love, Adam, Catelyn and Family



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Furniture giveaway



International student
welcome dinner



September 2021

“You know what you should do...”

That was probably not the best way to start a conversation, but it all worked out. I (Dave) was talking with Lyn, a missionary with International Students Inc (ISI). When I led Cru’s ministry to international students (Philly Bridges), I brought Inner Varsity and both of our ministries under the banner of Global Connect. By creating a single unified name, we were able to synch calendars, share volunteers, not feel compelled to do everything, and plan larger events.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, I found myself in a unique opportunity this summer to activate a lawn and out building at a church just off Penn’s campus, 42nd & Pine. The location of the ministry center allowed Global Connect to pull off an event we never were able to before. I pitched to Lyn that they could collect furniture this summer to give it away to new international students. The team did an incredible job gathering items such as beds, dressers, and lights.

Connections were made at the ministry center and as they helped deliver their haul. Highlighted in every conversation was an invitation to a welcome dinner the following Saturday. 75 students from 34 countries and 5 campuses enjoyed a home cooked meal. Discussions at each table were lead by a member of Global Connect.

Katie and I stopped by toward the end of the evening to see how things were going. The

atmosphere was relaxed and celebratory. Most international students were unable to connect in person last year. You could tell that it felt so good to be back in person. The cozy outdoor location created a safe, yet energized space. International student Bible studies will soon launch here and join a growing list of regular activities at the ministry center.

New School Year

We had no idea how our kids were going to be educated when we moved here in '09 so we have prayed fervently that God would lead our family in this way. We have experienced God’s blessing and provision as we navigated Preschool, elementary, middle, and now high school. They are both back to in person school at new locations to start 6th and 9th grade. Our hearts are full as they share about burgeoning friendships and the newfound freedom Septa provides. Thanks so much to those of you who have prayed for this with us over the years!

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LOOKING AHEAD TO....



Covenant Signing continues through the month of November

Monday, November 1 – Jacob’s Church Board Meeting

Thursday, November 4 – Stephen Ministers Meeting

Friday, November 5 – Prepare for Oyster Supper

Saturday, November 6 – Oyster Supper Drive Thru

Sunday, November 7 - Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, November 7 – All Saints Sunday

Monday, November 8 - Jacob’s Church Elders Meeting

Tuesday, November 9 – Young Adults Group

Thursday, November 11 – Veterans Day

Friday, November 12-Sunday, November 14 - Adult Twin Pines Retreat

Monday, November 15 – Special Events Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 18 - Stephen Ministers Meeting

Wednesday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Day

Monday, November 29 – Ladies Night Out!

Tuesday, November 30 – Young Adults Group

JACOB'S CHURCH
ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT
"THE CHURCH ON A HILL, SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST"

September 26, 2021

Happenings in the Jacob's Activity Center during the month of September....

Ladies Night Out will meet on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:30PM.

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, September 7, 14, 21, and 28, starting at 9:30AM and ending approximately at 11:30AM.

The Freedom in Christ Ministry held their meetings on Tuesday, September 7, 14, 21 and 28, beginning at 7:00PM.

Men's Prayer Breakfast held their sessions on September 8, 15, 22, and 29, starting at 7:00AM and ending approximately at 8:30AM.

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, September 2nd and Thursday, September 16th starting at 1:30pm and ending approximately at 3:30PM.

Young Adults Group held their meetings on Tuesday, September 14th and Tuesday, September 28th starting at 6:30PM and ending approximately at 8:30PM.

Sidewalk Sunday School Parent Night Out was held on Friday, September 24, 2021, starting approximately at 5:00PM and ending around 9:00PM.

VBS Appreciation Dinner was held on Saturday, September 11, 2021, Life-Screening Event was held on Friday, September 17, 2021, and The Kutztown Twirlers held practices on Friday, September 10th and 17th.

A memorial service and luncheon were held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 in memory of the life of Norma Shackleton, the mother of Mitch Hosler and mother-in-law of Beverly (Rabert) Hosler.

When we put our problems in God's hands, he puts peace in our hearts.

Stay healthy!

God Bless You,
Faye M Foulk



Jacob's Church Scheduled Activities in Church

October 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|------------------------|---------------------|
| 31 9:00AM Confirmation 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Blended Worship Service | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:00AM Confirmation 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Blended Worship Service/Holy Com | 4 | 5 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM | 6 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM | 7 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM-11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM | 8 Wedding Rehearsal | 9 Church Wedding |
| 10 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service | 11 Jacob's Church Elders Meeting Parish House 7:00PM | 12 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM | 13 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM | 14 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service | 18 | 19 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM | 20 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM | 21 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service | 25 | 26 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM | 27 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM | 28 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM | 29 | 30 |

Jacob's Church Tentative Activity Center Schedule

October 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------|
| 31 9:00am Sunday School 12:00-1:30pm Youth Group | | | | | 1 Private 4-5pm Private 6-9pm | 2 Private Celebration 11:00am |
| 3 9:00am Sunday School 12:00-1:30pm Youth Group | 4 Church Board Meeting 7:30pm | 5 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry | 6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00-8:30AM Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm | 7 Stephen Ministry Meeting 1:00-3:30pm | 8 Private 4-5pm Private 6-9pm | 9 |
| 10 9:00am Sunday School 12:00-1:30pm Youth Group | 11 | 12 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 6:30pm Young Adults Group 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry | 13 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00-8:30AM Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm | 14 | 15 Private 4-5pm Private 6-9pm | 16 |
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| 24 9:00am Sunday School 12:00-1:30pm Youth Group | 25 Ladies Night Out! 6:30pm | 26 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 6:30pm Young Adults Group 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry | 27 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00-8:30AM Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm | 28 | 29 Private 4-5pm Sidewalk Sunday Function 5-9pm | 30 Private 9am-12pm |