

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 EPISTLE

“Live with love for one another”

“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.” – 1 Peter 1:22

I read an article by a guy named Howard Snyder who addressed this topic. This is what he had to say:

The church today is suffering a fellowship crisis. ... In a world of big, impersonal institutions, the church often looks like just another big, impersonal institution. ... One seldom finds within the institutionalized church today that winsome intimacy among people where masks are dropped, honesty prevails, and that sense of communication and community beyond the human bounds — where there is literally the fellowship of and in the Holy Spirit.

When you hear this, your mind might go right away to mega churches. How it is hard to even be recognized by the ministry team because there is just too many people in mega churches. However, I believe that we even suffer with intimacy issues in churches like Jacob's. All too often we wear masks and put-up walls when we walk into church. Why? Why is it when people ask how we are doing we answer them by saying, “fine.” When that is usually not the case. When, in all honesty, you are actually hurting inside. Wanting to be accepted. Wanting somebody to come alongside of you and show you love through concrete acts. Wanting not to be judged, but to be loved.

Now, I understand that we have ministry teams such as Stephen Ministry to do this here at Jacob's Church, which is great. However, this is a command for the whole church to do. Not just for a small group of people.

This is what Peter was talking about when he wrote,

“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.”

You see, we have been purified from our sins through Jesus' redeeming works. So, we should show genuine love to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Concrete love that results in actions. Actions such as offering to bring them to church if they don't have a ride. Showing someone love by offering to do things around their house while they are sick. You could even just sit down with them and pray with them about the situation they are currently going through.

No matter what, we should show this love to others because Jesus first showed this genuine love to us.

JACOB'S CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 3, 2022

Attendance: Interim Pastor Schlegel

Elders: Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler, Mike Madtes

Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Jared Hermany, Solomon Johri, Kaitey Sacks, Ed Sawyer

Treasurer: David Follweiler

1. Interim Pastor Schlegel opened with a prayer.
2. Election of Board Officers: President - Ed Sawyer made a motion for Ron Belknap to serve another term as president and was seconded Solomon Johri. The motion carried. Vice President - Solomon Johri made a motion for Mike Follweiler to serve another term as vice president and was seconded by Jared Hermany. The motion carried. Secretary - Solomon Johri made a motion for Kaitey Sacks to serve as secretary and was seconded by Jared Hermany. The motion carried.
3. Property Committee - Jared Hermany reports getting estimates to paint and plaster work the Wuchter house.
4. School House - Jared Hermany reports applied for a permit from the township for demolition. There are items for sale that were stored inside. The congregation was notified in Sunday Service Announcements and will have first selection of stored goods.
5. Youth Group - Tad reports Sidewalk Sunday School did not meet this month. Will begin again in the Activity Center in February. Youth Group is not meeting. Tad tried to have a Christmas Party but received no interest. Young Adults will resume in January.
6. Website/Social Media - Tad reports that things are in the process of being updated.
7. Pulpit Committee - Ron reports 10 applications have been received. Committee is meeting again 1/9/2022.
8. Music Director - Ron reports Brenda has agreed to stay on until a suitable replacement is found. Advertising for the position continues but no applicants at this point.
9. Muth Family - Ron reports a donation of \$5571.00 was delivered to the family.
10. Little Lambs Program Service - Tad reports he is organizing a Sunday worship service with the Little Lambs Preschool Program. Date will be forthcoming.
11. Treasurer's Report - December 2021 meeting balance \$30,357.38

Income	\$36,631.95
Transfer from Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,580.39
Transfer from Money Market	\$ 5,000.00
Expenses	\$55,420.35
January 2022 meeting balance	\$20,149.37

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Reports as read by Ed Sawyer and seconded by Solomon Johri. The motion carried.
12. Meeting Minutes - A motion was made by Jared Hermany to accept the December 2021 Meeting Minutes as read and seconded by Mike Follweiler. The motion carried.
13. Next Board Meeting will be 2/7/2022.
14. Interim Pastor Schlegel offered a closing prayer.
15. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jared Hermany and seconded by Ed Sawyer. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Solomon Johri

Next Jacob's Church Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Monday, March 4, 2022

Next Jacob's Church Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, March 11, 2022

Interim Pastor 2022 Compensation Package as approved at the congregational meeting on 12/5/2021

Salary: \$39,000.00
Housing Allowance: \$9,000.00
Social Security Taxes: \$5,952.00
Medicare Taxes: \$1,392.00
Health Insurance: \$2,883.00
Mileage: \$1,773.00
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At our December 5, 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$3,956.00 per week in order to meet our 2022 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in January 2022:

January 2	\$2,866.00
January 9	\$ Cancelled
January 16	\$7,559.00
January 23	\$3,798.33
January 30	\$2,271.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January	\$19,780.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January	\$16,494.33
Deficit for January 2022	\$ 3,285.67

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

Greeters/Ushers for March

March 6 Jim and Rose Moyer
Charlene and Jared Silva

March 13 Dianne Ralston, and Cindy Kuhns
Corinne Bast, and Glenda Bennicoff

March 20 Jacob Follweiler and Andrew Sawyer
Elijah Dellicker and Elijah Johri

March 27 Jacob's Confirmation Class

Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

Puppet Ministry
Sunday, March 6, 2022
Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer
Sunday, March 20, 2022
Ginger Johri and Rose Moyer

March Acolyte
Josh Farber



Flowers for March

March 6 Tom and Faye 40th Wedding Anniversary

March 13 In Memory of Luella Bowman
from Daughters and Grandchildren
(Floral Stand) In Memory of Clark Billig from wife, Faye

March 20 Birthday of Shirley Ruppert from Daughters & Families

March 27 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



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

*Martin and Glenda Bennicoff
Tom and Faye Foulk*

*Douglas and Helen Kistler
Bradley and Joelle Morehouse
Matthew and Stephanie Watson*

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 Glen F. Schaeffer, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the age of 69-3-17. Glen is survived by his wife, Nancy E (Ginder) Glabis-Schaeffer. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 in Jacob's Church Activity Center, which Rev. Tad M. Schlegel, Interim Pastor of Jacob's Church will officiate. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from the Jacob's Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Betty J. Wimmer, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at the age of 93-11-19. Betty is survived by niece, Donna, and husband, Rev. Scott, children, Rebecca and Scotty Shay, and families; members of our Jacob's Church Family. Services were held on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at C. R. Strunk Funeral Home, Inc which Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor Emeritus of Jacob's Church officiated. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from your Jacob's Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Richard L. Hamm, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the age of 75-5-25. Richard is survived by his cousins, Barbara Rehrig, Monica Rodriguez, Marcia Miller and their families, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from your Jacob's Church Family.



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.

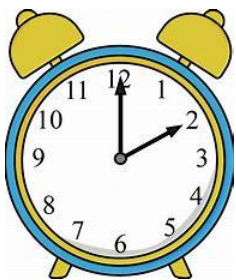


Believe it or not, our Easter celebration is just around the corner. Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for the Easter morning service with colorful flowering plants.

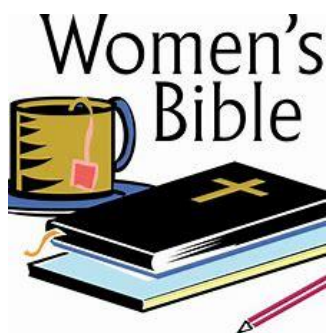


Lilies \$9
Hyacinths \$7
Tulips \$7
Daffodils \$8

Please use the sign-up sheet in the church parlor and put your payment in the box on the table. Deadline to order is March 20th. Any questions, contact Pam Zoghby 610-298-300

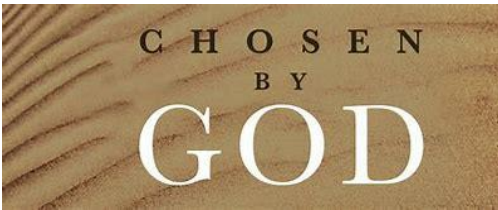


DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 AT 2:00AM. Please remember to turn your clocks ahead before retiring, otherwise you will arrive at Church School and Family Worship an hour too late!



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.

Cellphone without
Battery is useless.
Guitar without strings
Is useless.
Life without God is useless.

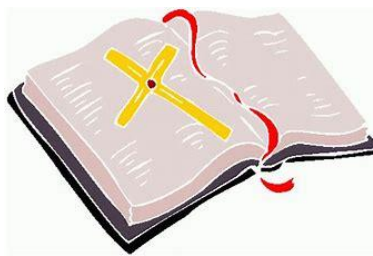


FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRY meet **Tuesday** evenings at **7:00PM** in the Activity Center meeting room. The group is viewing Season Two of The Chosen Take time during this season of Lent to focus on Jesus and how he sets the captives free - then and now. Let The Chosen help you to build your faith

in the One and only Savior - Jesus. For additional information, please contact Diane Wertman at 484.330.1033.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meet **Wednesday** mornings starting at **7:00AM** and end approximately at **8:30AM**. For additional information, please contact Ralph Hill at 610.767.1286.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY GROUP meet **Wednesday** evenings at **7:00PM** in the Activity Center meeting room. Join us as we search the Bible for answers with our New Lenten Bible Study, "Where Do We Go From Here?" with Dr David Jeremiah, starting **Wednesday, March 9, 2022** at 7:00PM in the Activity Center. Please sign up for study guide in the parlor area. For additional information, please contact Louise Hill at 610.573.1977.



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



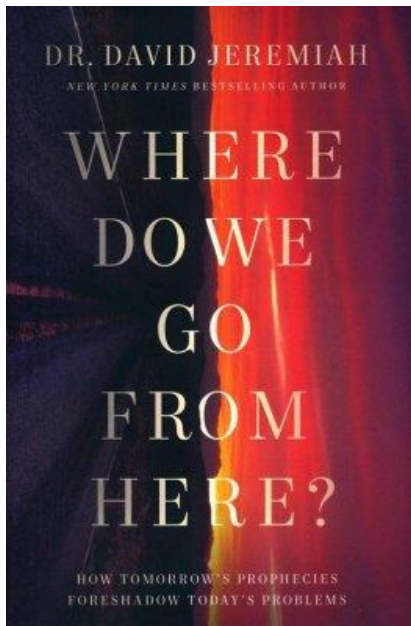
Jacob's Church is accepting applications for the position of Director of Music Ministries/Choir Director to oversee our music program and support our blended worship service. If you or someone you know has been blessed with the gift of sharing their musical talents to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, please do not keep it to yourself! Share it with us! You will be Blessed by God and Blessing our congregation as well! Applicants can send their resume and letter of application to: Jacob's Church, Attn: Music Ministry Search Committee, 8373 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066

LADIES NIGHT OUT will **NOT** meet in **March!** For additional information, please contact Kayla Fusselman at 610.844.1567.



2022 LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on **Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00PM** during the Ash Wednesday worship service. Communion will be served at the altar. Plan to attend this special service.



**LENTEN SERIES WITH DR. DAVID JEREMIAH
WILL BEGIN ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 AT 7:00PM
IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER.**

**This will take the place of the Mid-Week Bible Study
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

Do you feel confused or worried when you watch or read the news, wondering what is happening in our world today?
Have you wondered how biblical prophecy relates to current events?
Biblical prophecy helps us discover God's purpose for all of the chaos around us.

And in this new study guide, *Where Do We Go From Here?*, Dr. David Jeremiah looks at issues we are experiencing in our culture today and explains how they are linked to biblical prophecy. Along the way, he also provides practical ways to live with hope and courage in the face of these daunting times.



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Saturday, April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt – 1:00PM

Ages: Infants through 6th Grade
Easter Message with balloon release
Egg Hunt, Prizes and Chocolate Candy
Sign Up sheet for hard boiled colored
eggs is posted on the bulletin board
in church parlor area.



Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday Service – 10:15AM

Jacob's Church Easter Cantata

Presents

"Is He Worthy"

A Ready To Sing Easter

Arranged by Russell Mauldin

Created by Russell Mauldin & Sue C. Smith

Sunday, April 10, 2022

10:15 AM

Jacob's Church

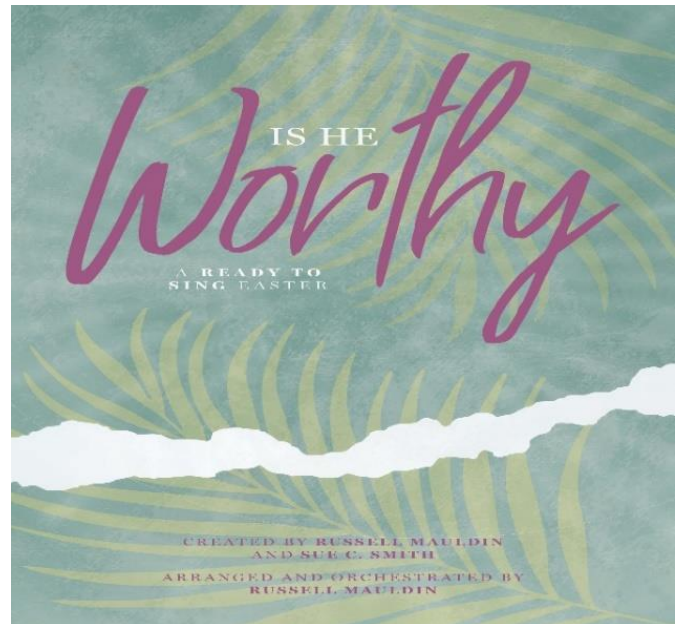
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The Participants

Jacob's Church Choir,

The Sacred Dance

& Jacob's Drama Ministry



Friday, April 15 – Good Friday Service – 7:00PM

Sunday, April 17 – Easter Sunday – 9:00AM
With Holy Communion



JACOB'S CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

Sidewalk Sunday School

Starting **Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 4:30PM to 5:15PM**, Becky and Eugene will hold Sidewalk Sunday School in the Activity Center.

This ministry is for kids from 3 years old to 5th Grade. 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! We want to help you with your relationship with Jesus.

On **Friday, March 25, 2022** starting at **5:30PM**, Becky and Eugene will hold a big Sidewalk Sunday School event! We want to continue to see each and every one of you and help you to grow in your relationship with Jesus. We are going to be making crafts, telling a bible lesson, playing games, pulling out our bounce house, plus many more fun activities. Also, everyone that attends will go home with a prize. Come out and join the group for Sidewalk Sunday School! Hope to see you there!



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 had a wonderful time, sharing love and Valentines with our friends at our Valentine's Day party!! Please come join us on Sunday, March 27th as we perform during Sunday Church Service!!

2021-22 Little Lamb Important Date

Sunday, March 27 – Perform during worship service at 10:15am



MISSIONS!

Hi dear friends in America. A late Christmas greetings plus Happy New Year to you all!! Last Christmas was busy for me, I bet you were busy also. Ok, it is time to go to the key point.

I first traveled to Chengdu on the second week of December. There, I met a few college students there. Because we have new policy of religion, I did not share too much in public with the students. We had hotpot together for dinner that day and we talked a little about how and why we celebrate Christmas. Two are believers and the other two heard of the Christmas for many times. So I think they know what we were talking about while we were eating. I also invited my former roommate Ningning to have dinner with us. She is a strong believer and she is a friend with one of the students.



On Christmas Eve, I took a bus from Luzhou to Xichang. It is about eight hours bus ride. The next day, I took another bus to Zhaojue, it was another two and half hour bus ride. It snowed in Zhaojue during that period of time. It was fun to see some snow during that trip. There was no snow in Xichang city but Zhaojue and other counties. The students and I had a quick lunch together and later on we found a place to do the activity. I explained to them about the Christmas briefly and we sang two worship songs also.



The next day, I went to TTS(Teacher Training School) and met more students there. This year, we did the activity outdoor so no Power Point to show them. I shared with them how and why we celebrated Christmas as believers. And we sang a couple of worship songs. It was very windy and cold outside and some students found dried wood and made a small bonfire there. Their Christmas gifts this year include some socks and clothes washing powder, and a bottle of hot milk tea. They loved the milk tea in such cold weather. :)



Within about two weeks, we are going to celebrate lunar calendar Chinese New Year. I will share more with you about the Chinese New Year later on.

Thank you for taking your time reading this. Take care and stay warm!!!

Zoe



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

February 27, 2022

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

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, February 1, 8, 15, and 22, starting at 9:30AM and ending approximately at 11:30AM.

The Freedom in Christ Ministry held their meetings on Tuesday, February 1, 8, 15, and 22, beginning at 7:00PM.

Men's Prayer Breakfast held their sessions on Wednesday, February 2, 9, 16, and 23, starting at 7:00AM and ending approximately at 8:30AM.

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, and Tuesday, February 8 and 15.

Young Adults Group held their meetings on Tuesday, February 8 and 22 starting at 6:30PM and ending approximately at 8:30PM.

Ladies Night Out was held on Monday, February 21.

The Kutztown Twirlers held their practice on Friday, February 4.

Private celebrations were held on Saturday, February 12, 19, and 26.

NWL Softball practices were held on Sunday, February 6, 13, 20, and 27; Thursday, February 3, 10, 17, and 24.

NWL Field Hockey practices were held on Thursday, February 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Family shoot around, Monday, February 28; 4:00PM-7:00PM.

New Geneva Co-Op held classes on Monday, February 7, 14, and 21.

Fastnachts were made on Thursday, February 24, Friday, February 25 and Saturday, February 26. Thank you all who assisted with this event.

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

God Bless You,
Faye M Foulk

Jacob's Church Scheduled Activities in Church

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM-11:30AM	2 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM Ash Wednesday Service/communion 7:00PM	3 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM	4	5
6 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service	7	8 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM-11:30AM 6:30pm Young Adults Group	9 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM	10 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM	11	12
13 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service	14 Jacob's Church Elders Meeting Parish House 7:00PM	15 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM-11:30AM	16 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM	17 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM	18	19 Private Celebration in Church basement
20 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service	21 Special Events Committee Meeting 7:00PM	22 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM-11:30AM	23 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM	24 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00AM- 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM	25	26
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Jacob's Church Tentative Activity Center Schedule

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am NYAA Basketball 5:15-6:30pm 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	2 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30AM Sidewalk Sunday School 4:30- 5:15PM	3 NYAA Lacrosse 5:30- 7:30PM	4 Twirlers 6-9pm	5 Preschool 6am-1:30pm
6 9:00am Sunday School 1:00-4:00pm NYAA Softball	7 Geneva Co-Op 9:00-11:00am 4:00-7:00pm Basketball Jacob's Church Board Meeting 7:30pm	8 Sisters of Esther 9:30- 11:30am NYAA Basketball 5:15- 6:30pm 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	9 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30AM Sidewalk Sunday School 4:30- 5:15PM Mid-week Lenten Bible Study 7:00PM	10 NYAA Lacrosse 5:30- 7:30PM Stephen Ministers Meeting 1:00- 3:30pm	11 Twirlers 6-9pm	12
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