

† 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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† “From the Pastor’s Study” †

Most people know *Christ* is a title, not a name. The official title of our God and Savior is the LORD Jesus Christ. LORD refers to Jesus’ deity. When reading the Old Testament, we notice that LORD is capitalized. It is how our translators let us know that in the Hebrew the author is using the name God gave to Moses when He met him in the burning bush. Moses was worried the enslaved Jewish people would question him concerning the God that commissioned him, so He told Moses to tell them, “I AM sent me.” In Hebrew, the letters YHWH roughly represent ‘I AM.’ The translators want us to see the distinction between the generic term for God, which is Elohim, and YHWH, the loyal covenant keeper, or LORD in English.

The second part of our Savior’s official title is Christ. It comes from the Greek *Christos* or *Anointed One*. The Hebrew word for *Christos* is *Mashiach*, or in English, ‘Messiah.’ Behind the idea of anointing is the concept of being chosen. Jesus is the Chosen One, the Anointed One, the Messiah. The popular TV show *The Chosen* (and might I add programming well worth watching) in Hebrew would be called “Ha Mashiach.”

So, what does this all have to do with Christmas? Actually, quite a bit. You see the Old Testament prophets who predicted the coming of the Messiah never knew enough about Jesus to describe Him *personally*. They knew the *titles* He would bear; they just did not know *who* would bear them. Sure, they talked about His majesty, His mission, and His miraculous power, but they had very little insight into His person. To do that He had to be experienced first-hand. That gift was given to the apostles, as well as His family, especially Mary. And you, if you receive Him into your life by faith.

Part of what we need to know about Jesus as a person is that He came in weakness. He came humbly as a baby born to a poor family in a manger. Could He have come all flashy and pompous like a king? Could He have come as a popular athlete, entertainer, or political leader? Of course, He could have. He is God and He could have worked that out. But is that really who Jesus, or God, truly is? I think not.

All those other potentialities of how Jesus could have come are related to *titles*, not a *person*. When we relate to people through their titles, we tend to look past them as persons. We must get close to people to really

see them for who they are; achievements and titles can hinder that. Michael Jordan's mother was acutely aware of how good her son was at basketball, but to her, he was just Michael. A man may have been a great president of the United States, but to his wife, he was just Ronnie. I bet that works the same in your home too.

For world order, it is a must that the benevolent King Jesus rule over us. When we are at the fringes of our finiteness, we need the supernatural LORD Jesus, Creator of the Heavens and Earth, to work miraculously in our lives. For any enduring eternal joy, we need a Messiah, Jesus the Nazarene, to rescue us from the power of sin and death. But, the LORD of glory, the Most High God, the King of the nations invites us to know Him, embrace Him, and walk with Him as a friend. Jesus. This is God's Advent Christmas gift to us...the promised presence of Jesus in our everyday lives. Jesus is not just the reason for the season. He is the Alpha and Omega, the Author of all time, and the finisher of our faith, so keep opening God's gift and daily walk with Him throughout the New Year. *Soli Deo Gloria*

Pastor Stan Newton



Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, December 3rd immediately following the worship service. A copy of the 2024 proposed budget is located in the parlor area, please pick up a copy at your convenience. If Church services on Sunday, December 3rd are cancelled due to inclement weather or lack of quorum, the annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2023. If postponed on December 10th, meeting will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2023. Please plan on attending the annual congregational meeting. Your vote is needed!

AGENDA

Review and approval of the 2024 Church Budget
Election of Church Board Members
Two Deacons and One Elder



◆ Jacob's Church Board Meeting ◆

October 2, 2023

Attendance: Pastor Stan Newton, Youth Minister Will Dellicker,
Elders: Ron Belknap, Dave Zoghby, Mike Madtes; Deacons: Kayla Fusselman, Jared Hermany, Kaitey Sacks,
Ed Sawyer, Diane Wertman. Church Secretary: Faye Foulk

1. Pastor Stan opened in prayer and devotion.
2. Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept treasury report by Ed Sawyer and 2nd by Mike Madtes; motion carried.
3. Property Committee Report: Driveway east of activity center paving designated to do in November. Furnaces all cleaned. Furnace room inspection good. Fire extinguishers yearly check will be done in October. Quotes for organ repair in process; pedals not working properly.
4. Church Security/Cyber Security: Plan to purchase DVR security system.
5. Doctrine Committee: no report
6. Christian Ed Committee: Teaching Seminar went well.
7. Confirmation/ Children's Church / Nursery: Confirmation Class led by Pastor Stan; Diane Wertman assisting. Children's Church: Will continue to anticipate separating into a younger class and an older class when numbers increase. Nursery: Diane Wertman Coordinator of Nursery volunteers and Day to Operations . It will be overseen by Board of Christian Education. Policies will be posted, nursery walls will be repaired and painted and the feasibility of a child gate installation at nursery doorway will be explored.

New Business

1. Youth Minister Update: Will gave reports on youth and family outreaches. He has been making member visitations with Pastor Stan. Will gave a sermon on October 1, 2023. He is planning to explore the feasibility of a Monday night youth group.
2. Dave Ramsey Financial Seminar to be offered next year. Program to be facilitated by Jen Mease. More information to come.
3. Oyster Supper is November 4. Volunteers needed. Custom designed T-Shirts proposed by Pastor Stan and Faye Foulk to wear at Oyster Supper. Will contact Ron Smith to get an idea of how many to order.
4. Twin Pines Retreat: November 17 to November 19, 2023.
5. Barn Storming Event- This entertainment group contacted Pastor Stan. Church would need to serve a meal for them. Discussion and decision to follow at later time.
6. Pastor vacation on 12/17/2023. Service covered by elders.
7. Faye vacation 10/9 to 10/19
8. 2024 Church Budget - 10/ 22/23 after church in activity center.
9. Correction and Approval of Sept 11, 2023 Minutes. Jared first, Kaitlin seconded.
10. Elders meeting: Friday October 6, 2023.
11. New Members Class in progress. Date to be determined for membership Sunday.

12. Next Board Meeting November 6, 2023.
13. Wuchter House is now empty; Discussion as how to best utilize it with no definite decision at the moment.
14. A suggestion was made to create a list of things that need to be done around and in the church and post it for people to see how they can help improve and or maintain the building and property. This will be overseen by property committee.
15. Ed Sawyer- will be joining the Cemetery Association. Curtis Stoudt has resigned as president.
16. Church carpeting has signs of wear- property committee will address by obtaining a quote for replacement.
17. Additional Large Print Bibles to be purchased and placed on the side shelves of the church for people who need to use them during the church service.
18. A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Jared and Seconded by Dave Zoghby; motion carried.
19. Pastor Stan closed in prayer.

Recorded and Submitted by Diane Wertman

**Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, December 4, 2023.
Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, December 11, 2023.**

At our December 4, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,551.00 per week in order to meet our 2023 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in October 2023:

October 1	\$5,392.00
October 8	\$6,341.00
October 15	\$3,748.00
October 22	\$4,479.00
October 29	\$4,829.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-October	\$200,244.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-October	\$209,077.34
Surplus for October 2023	\$ 8,833.34

Jacob's Church Closing Announcement due to inclement weather can be found: On our website, jacobschurch.org, on Facebook, and broadcasted on WFMTTV CHANNEL 69 NEWS STORM CENTER. If you prefer, please do not hesitate to call, email or text Church Secretary, Faye Foulk at 610.751.5742, secretary@jacobschurch.org

† **Jacob's Church Commitments for December** †
 † **THANK YOU FOR SERVING!** †

December Acolytes
Leroy Hahn
Gavin Heiter

Flowers for December

December 3 In memory of Fred Bowman – Bowman Sisters

December 10 Happy 27th Birthday, Mayson
 Grandparents, Tom & Faye Foulk

December 17 Altar Committee

December 24 Poinsettias donated by Congregation

December 31 Altar Committee

Advent Readers

December 3 Sawyer Family

December 10 Hermany Family

December 17 Dave Held & Pat Leiby

December 24 Rev. Stan Newton

December 31 TBA

Cost of Flowers for December

Sunday Service:

(2) Altar Vases \$25.00

(1) Floral Stand \$15.00

Bud Vase \$5.00

Bulletins \$5.00

Contact Pam Zoghby to order flowers (610.298.3002). The chart is posted in the east vestibule on the Church Bulletin Board. Sign Up Today!

Greeters/Ushers for December

December 3 Jacob's Church Board

December 10 Kevin and Susan Dellicker & Family

December 17 Solomon and Ginger & Family

December 24 Jim and Rose Moyer
 Richard and Joan Oswald

December 24 Jacob's Church Board

December 31 Jacob's Church Board

Sunday Morning Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

Christmas Eve Greeters should be at church by 6:15pm

Price change starting in 2024

(2) Altar Vases \$30.00

(1) Floral Stand \$20.00

Bud Vase \$5.00

Bulletins \$5.00

Puppet Ministry

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer

◆Membership News◆

Congratulations and Best Wishes to The Following Couples Celebrating December Wedding Anniversaries:

*Richard and Helen Follweiler
Daryl and Melissa Gordon
Reid and Betty Kent
Lawrence and Hilary Kish
Steve and Teresa Riegel
Matthew and Eden Sloskey*

“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased?”

Luke 2:8-14



HAPPY
Anniversary



◆ Celebrating with...

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

Births...

*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
Before you were born I set you apart. Jeremiah 1:5*



Congratulations to Ben and Emily (Lenhart) Boltz! Their bundle of joy, Vivian Arlene, arrived a few weeks early on Thursday, October 26, 2023; Vivian weighed five pounds - fifteen-four ounces, and eighteen inches long. After spending sixteen days in the NICU, she is finally home! Big brother, Reuben and big sister, Edith are loving up on her every chance they get! Arlene's extended family members are excited to meet and cuddle, especially Great Aunt Charlene, cousins, Jared and Alexandra; Aunt Heather, Uncle Brad, cousin, Hailey; Aunt Chavon, Uncle Drew, cousins, Ryleann, and RaeLynn; Aunt Tammy; Great-Grandparents, Donald and Shirley Snyder and Grandparents, Charles and Cindy Lenhart. Congratulations to all, and many blessings from your Jacob's Church Family!

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 Carmen R. Cabrera, who entered eternal rest on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the age of 80-3-12. Carmen is the sister of Maria P. (Cabrera) Azar, a member of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Cabrera family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from the Jacob's Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Lena May (Kramer) Kaley, who entered eternal rest on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at the age of 89-9-29. Lena is the daughter of Edgar R. (1894-1978) and Mantana S. Kunkle (1898-1983) Kramer. She was confirmed by the late Rev Bond on 25 July 1948, married to the late George R. Kaley (1926-1998) on 19 October 1957 at Saint Peter's Union Church Lynnville, PA by late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. Lena is survived by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Charles and Ruth (Hartman) Kaley, members of our Jacob's Church Family! Please keep the Kaley family in your prayers. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from the Jacob's Church Family.



Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Irene Ann (Knowlton) Demianovich who finished her earthly journey and entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the age of 78. Irene was born in Saginaw, Michigan, daughter of the late Walter and Helen (Krahwinkel) Knowlton. As a four-year-old child, Irene contracted polio and was placed in an iron lung for nine months; she served as the 1952 poster child for the March of Dimes Campaign in Binghamton, NY. After many months of rehabilitation, Irene was able to live a relatively normal life with her many siblings, which included Jane (Knowlton) Wessner (Forrest), a member of our Jacob’s Church Family. Irene’s service was held on Friday, November 17th, interment in Riverside Cemetery, Windsor, NY. Please keep the Demianovich family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest heartfelt sympathy from your Jacob’s Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Robert Wayne “Bobby” Oswald, who entered eternal rest on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at the age of 77-8-5. Bobby was the son of the late Wayne Jacob (1919-1977) and Alice Bertha Hermany (1927-1991) Oswald. He was born on 11 March 1946, baptized on 15 June 1946 by the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn, confirmed on 4 October 1959 also by the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. At the family request, Bobby will be land to rest in the Jacobs Union Cemetery. Please keep the Oswald family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest heartfelt condolences from your Jacob’s Church Family.



Advent Schedule

First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 26, 2023
(The Light of Promise - The Prophet’s Candle) Micah 5:1-5

Second Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 3, 2023
(The Light of Hope - The Candle of John the Baptist) John 1:1-5

Third Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 10, 2023
(The Light of Love - The Shepherd’s Candle) John 1:6-8

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 17, 2023
(The Light of Family - Mary’s Candle) John 1:9-13

Fifth Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 24, 203
(The Light With Us - The Christ Candle) John 1:14-18

Christmas Eve Service (The Light of *CHRIST*) – Sunday, December 24, 2023
“In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify for Father in Heaven”
Matthew 5:16

First Sunday after Christmas – Sunday, December 31, 2023
(The Light Within Us – John 1:19-34)

◆ December Happenings at Jacob's Church ◆

Advent Communion will be served on Sunday, December 3, 2023 during the 10:15am worship service. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14



Stephen Ministry – Christ caring for people through people. Everyone faces periods of difficulty. During these times, someone who will listen, empathize, pray, and encourage with Christ's love and care can be a tremendous benefit. Stephen Ministers Meetings will be held on Thursday, December 7th and Thursday, December 21st.

Advent Season is a somber time of personal reflection, hope, and longing, and joyful expectation for the coming of Jesus. Please join us each Sunday of Advent as we light the Prophet's Candle, the Candle of John the Baptist, the Shepherd's Candle, Mary's Candle, and the Christ Candle on Sunday, December 24, 2023.



Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles

Our annual Christmas Eve Service will be held on Sunday, December 24th at 7:00pm. Invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors to attend this inspiring and uplifting service of carols and candles as we celebrate the birth of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

2024 Flower Chart is ready for you to sign up for Altar Flowers on your special date for the 2024 New Year. The chart is posted in the east vestibule of the church on the Church Bulletin Board. Unfortunately, we have to incorporate a price increase! (2) Altar vases will be \$30.00; (1) Floral stand will be \$20.00; the budvase and bulletins will remain at \$5.00. FMI contact Pam Zoghby (610.298.3002).



Cards Of Encouragement Ministry – "Thinking of you" cards to be sent out are in the parlor area, please take the time to sign each card before or after worship. FMI contact Rose Moyer (484.769.7926), or to offer a name in need.

Sisters Of Esther – Come and share in wonderful fellowship with Sisters in Christ every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 11:30am in Jacob’s Activity Center! FMI contact Donna Shay (610.739.1867).

Men’s Prayer Breakfast Bible Study – Join your Brothers in Christ Wednesday mornings for great fellowship, sharing the word of God, and excellent food in the Activity Center starting at 7:00am. FMI contact Ralph Hill (610.767.1286).

Mid-Week Bible Study – Join the Pastor as we pray with Paul, and his friends on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm in the Church Parlor. FMI contact Pastor Stan (828.242.5388)

Choir Rehearsal every Thursday night at 7:30pm. FMI contact Melinda Kelly (610.334.2005). All voices are welcome!

Ladies Night Out! will not meet in December, see you in 2024! FMI, please contact Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567).

IMPACT – will be held first (12/2) and third (12/16) Saturday of November at 7:30am – 8:30am in Activity Center. IMPACT Men target their home, work, and community. Breakfast will be served! FMI contact Pastor Stan (828.242.5388) or Will Dellicker (484.225.0230).



In Search Of – Jacob’s Church is hiring an IT Director and Music Director. If you are interested, see the job description, and apply online at jacobschurch.org.





2023 Christmas Card Exchange

Will continue through Sunday, December 17, 2023

Jacob's Church will again have a Christmas Card Exchange. Mailboxes will be set up in the Church West Vestibule. This is an excellent way of saving postage for the cards you would send to your friends, neighbors, and relatives in the Jacob's Church Family

Please take note to the following:

1. When addressing your envelopes, please also put ***your name on the top left-hand side*** of the envelope. This will be one way we can be sure that all the cards will be delivered in time for Christmas.
2. ***Please put all your envelopes in alphabetical order by last name.*** This will make it easier to sort the envelopes faster.
3. Also, when leaving worship service, please stop, and ***check the table in the church parlor area (see note below)*** for any cards that were not delivered earlier.

After the cards are sorted, they will be distributed to the congregation before worship starts at 10:15am. If the cards, are not distributed before worship, please take ***note***: After the worship service, check the table in the church parlor area for any cards that are addressed to you.

Thank you so much for your help in making
"Christmas Card Exchange" so successful!



◆ Jacob's Church Little Lambs Preschool ◆



We had a wonderful month in preschool giving thanks to the Lord for all the many blessings he has given us. It is so beautiful to hear from the hearts of children the things they are thankful for and to see their acknowledgment that all things come from the Lord!!! We will begin December preparing our hearts for the coming of our Lord on Christmas Day!



God's Son is Born for Us!
Isaiah 9:6

December 19 – Christmas Program – 6pm
December 21 - Christmas Party

Christmas Break
December 26th - January 1st
Return to school on Tuesday, January 2, 2024

◆ Look Who Is In The News! ◆



Brian Fusselman and Barbara Rehrig
Celebrating their birthdays



Donna Leiser, in red



Cindy and Cleon Schmoyer receive their order from Germansville Fire Company's Brian Reiner.



Rev. Newton visiting Shirley Ruppert



Asa, Aria Hermany with
Rev. Stan Newton



Andrew & Edward Sawyer

Northwestern Elementary hosted Safety Day on Oct. 6. Volunteers from various organizations made presentations to each grade level throughout the morning. Germansville volunteer firefighter Laub supervises Sadie Sukanick to safely exit the smoke house.

PRESS PHOTOS
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ERICA SEITHER

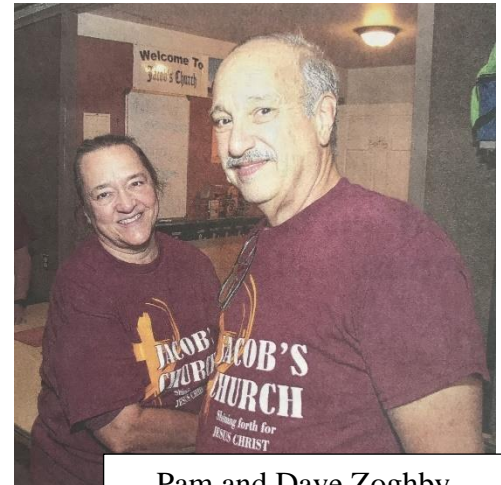


◆Oyster Supper◆



PRESS PHOTOS BY BERNADETTE SUKLEY

The servers at Jacob's Church oyster supper on Nov. 4 included Donna Shay, Kyle Harsharger, Cindy Loch, Kaitlin Sacks, Kayla Fusselman, Nick Fusselman, Melinda Kelly, Aria Hermany, Teena Bailey, Jen Mease and Bonnie Belknap. All are members of Jacob's Church, Jacksonville.



**Pam and Dave Zoghy
Oyster Supper Takeout Duo**



Ron Smith of New Tripoli is getting ready to prepare potatoes. He is the go-to for the oyster supper.



Elisabeth Long of New Tripoli, holding a ladle, and Louise Hill of Germansville serve oyster stew.



Julie Harshbarger & Janine Oplinger



Bruce Dietrich & Ron Belknap

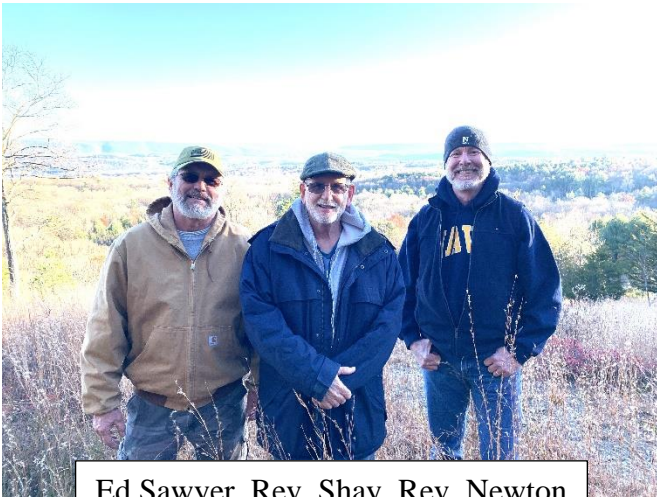
◆Twin Pines Retreat◆



Jane, Forrest Wessner & Rev. Shay



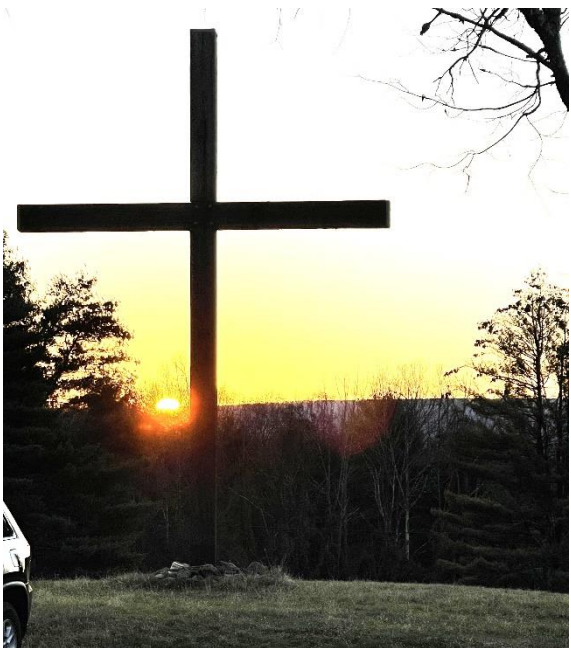
Ron, Bonnie Belknap, Carla Newton, Jen Mease, Kerry Besch



Ed Sawyer, Rev. Shay, Rev. Newton



Bonnie Belknap, Tracy Sawyer, Jane Wessner, Donna Shay, Jen Mease, Carla Newton



◆ Thank You! ◆



A special thank you to the CLIU #21 students and job coaches for a job well done. This group assists with the altar committee each week, by checking the altar candles, updating the hymn selection, and taking care of the puppet stage. They also folded the Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes, put the new Bibles in the pews, and delivered the Harvest Home Foods to the Lowhill Food Bank.
A BIG THANK YOU!



Thank you to the Kitchen Committee, Ron Smith, and all the helpers that made the Oyster Supper night successful. It is a big commitment each year, but you get it done! Without you, we would not have an Oyster Supper! Thank you all!

Jacob's Church,
Thank you all! YOU donated 204 pounds of food to the Lowhill Food Bank to supply our neighbors. The IU students delivered these items and also made a food donation. Thank you too ALL!



A Big Shout Out to Will Dellicker for taking the time to make Christmas Child Operation successful!



Thank you everyone who took the time to fill up an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. The children will be truly blessed. We have so many generous people at Jacob's. God Bless you one and all.



A special thank you to Expressive Movements Dance Studio, New Tripoli who donated over 20 Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Shout Out to Sheri LoPinto and her staff for taking the time to help Jacob's Church!

Thank you to L & M Plumbing for supply parts to fix a restroom issue, and thank you to Tom Foulk for installing it. Thank you to David Zoghby and Jared Hermany for being on call twenty-four-seven.

Thank you to John and Lorrie Rauch for doing the extra dive! Someone accidentally threw cash away in a trash bag and the bag ended up in the dumpster. It was a very busy weekend! You guessed it John and Lorrie helped each other to find the cash, it was not a pleasant adventure, but a great find!
Thank you John and Lorrie

◆ In Our Community ◆



**WERLEYS CORNER
CHRISTMAS TREE
Lighting**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND | 5:30-8:00PM
4585 WERLEYS CORNER RD, NEW TRIPOLI

- 6:30pm Tree Lighting with Santa Clause arriving & pictures with Santa (tree provided by Ronald Smith / Valley View Christmas Tree Farm)
- Barrel Rides by The Plow Boys (weather permitting)
 - Hot dogs, drinks, & snacks for sale
 - Free Hot Chocolate
- Some vendors in our outside buildings
- WLTHS store will be open with a "Little Shoppers Village" too
- Tickets will be sold for our Quilt Raffle and other raffle prizes
- Christmas music and amplification system provided by Class Act Productions, Charles Kistler

LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY WILL BE PRESENT COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AND/OR ACCEPTING FINANCIAL DONATIONS

WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT COATS, GLOVES, HATS, AND SCARVES FOR OUR "NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS" PROGRAM

**Christ-mas Tree Lighting at
Werley's Corner
Saturday, December 2nd –
5:30pm-8:00pm**

**NWL 2023 Christ-mas Tree
Lighting Ceremony
At Ontelaunee Park
Saturday, December 3rd –
4:30pm-7:30pm**



THE GREATER NORTHERN LEHIGH CHAMBER, WEISENBERG TOWNSHIP, LYNN TOWNSHIP,
HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP, LOWHILL TOWNSHIP & THE HONEY DONE LIST CO. PRESENT:

NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH'S 2023 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 4:30-7:30 PM • 6:30 PM TREE LIGHTING • ONTELAUNEE PARK (7344 KINGS HWY, NEW TRIPOLI)

Featuring...
LIVE MUSIC & PERFORMANCES • HOT CHOCOLATE • FOOD VENDORS • CRAFT & BUSINESS VENDORS • HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES • TOURS WITH THE HISTORIC SOCIETY • VISITS WITH ANA, ELSA & OLAF • FREE PHOTOS WITH SANTA!



◆Missions!◆

Prayer request from Deepak in Nepal

Sad news - Nepal's Jajarkot earthquake, only 37 people died in Athabiskot, 150 more injured, more details are yet to come. The number of dead and injured is likely to be higher. The search and rescue work is ongoing.

Due to the earthquake that occurred at 11:45 PM on Friday night, there was a huge loss of life and property in Jajarkot, Rukum West, Salyan and other districts of Karnali province. Only 37 people have died tragically in Rukum West due to the earthquake of 6.4 magnitude. The deputy mayor also died in the earthquake. Prayers, John and Natalie Teufel



Rev. Mohan Ram

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

"THE CHURCH ON A HILL, SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST"

November 24, 2023

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

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, November 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th; starting at 9:30am and ending approximately at 11:30am.

Men's Prayer Bible Study Breakfast gathered together on Wednesday, November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th at 7:00am. Did not meet on Wednesday, November 22nd due to Thanksgiving Holiday!

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, November 2nd, and Thursday, November 16th.

Crossroads Community Church Homeschool uses the center Thursday afternoons. Starting in December Grace Community Church Homeschool will use the center on Friday mornings 10am-12pm. New Tripoli Homeschool group uses the center Wednesday afternoons.

Kutztown Lady Twirlers held practices on Friday, November 3rd, 10th, and 24th. Used the church basement on Friday, November 17th.

Men's IMPACT group used the church basement on Saturday, November 4th, and did not meet on Saturday, November 18th due to the annual adult retreat at Twin Pines.

Private celebrations were held on Saturday, November 11th, Sunday, November 12th, Sunday, November 19th, Friday, November 17th, and Saturday, November 18th. Jacob's Church assisted Ebenezer Club Pack 588 with an organization delivery on Thursday, November 2nd. The Oyster Supper was held on Saturday, November 4th, thank you everyone who made this event possible. Your help is greatly appreciated, a big shout out to Ron Smith and the Kitchen Crew! Awesome!

God Bless You,
Faye M Foulk

31 New Year's Eve! 9am Sunday School/Confirmation					1	2
3 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15am Blended Worship Service Communion Congregational Meeting	4 Church Board 7:00pm	5 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	6 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 6:00pm Praise Team 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	7 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15am Blended Worship Service	11 7:00pm Elders Meeting in Parish House	12 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	13 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 6:00pm Praise Team 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	14 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 9am Sunday School-Confirmation 10:15am Blended Worship Service	18	19 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 6:00pm Little Lambs Preschool Christmas Program	20 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 6:00pm Praise Team 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	21 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15am Blended Worship Service 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Happy Birthday, Jesus!	26	27 6:00pm Praise Team 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	28 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30

Jacob's Church Activity Center Schedule December 2023

31 9:00am Sunday School					1 Homeschool 10-12 Bible Study 3- 4pm TWIRLERS 5-9	2 IMPACT 7:30- 8:30am Private Celebration 10:00am
3 9:00am Sunday School Volleyball 6- 7:30pm	4 NYAA Basketball 6-9pm	5 Sisters of Esther 9:00- 11:30am NYAA Basketball 6-9pm	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7- 8:30am Homeschool 1-3pm NYAA Basketball 6-9pm	7 Stephen Ministers 9:30- 12:00pm Homeschool 1- 3pm	8 Homeschool 10-12 Bible Study 3- 4pm TWIRLERS 5-9	9 Private Celebration 10:00am
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