

# ◆ 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” †

## ◆The Two-Minute Gospel◆

When I was at seminary, I heard a story about a man who shared the gospel on an airplane that was about to crash. It is not an Urban Legend. I looked it up once and I found the actual account, but all my recent Google searches have come up empty. I did find one story about Andrew Meakins who shared the gospel on hijacked Ethiopian flight 961 back in 1996. That story ended in disaster. The plane cartwheeled after one of the engines caught a piece of underwater coral as the pilot was making a smooth water landing. 125 people out of 175 perished. According to a flight attendant who survived, several of the passengers gave their life to Jesus just before they died.

Pretty dramatic stuff!

The story I am trying to remember was not so severe. The sketchy details I remember go something like this. At altitude an airliner began to experience serious engine trouble. The pilots wrestled for control of the aircraft while the flight attendants professionally and methodically coached everyone on safety procedures and actions preparing them for the worse. While the plane was rapidly plummeting a very calm passenger left his seat and asked permission to use the microphone so he could share the gospel with everyone on board. When he got the mic, he peacefully shared the gospel before being ordered back to his seat as the plane neared the ground. Before he sat down, he gave an invitation to accept Jesus Christ. Many people professed faith in God's

offer of salvation. In the end, the professionalism of the pilots and crew resulted in no lives lost, and I believe no injuries were sustained.

Pretty sensational stuff! Not as dramatic as Flight 961, but still very intense.

Somehow that earlier story caught the attention of Bible schools and seminaries all over the country. Suddenly, every evangelism class switched its assignments. Curriculums across America began to incorporate an exercise on sharing your faith in two minutes. What are the basics a person must know to trust Jesus? What is the minimum information a person must respond to in order to be saved? Theologians began to debate the answers to those questions while students were required to stand up and hit the highlights of the truth within scenarios of impending doom before their peers as imagined imminent death loomed. I did that when I was at seminary. Even in the safety of the classroom it was pretty stressful.

I remember thinking afterwards, “How many times am I really going to be in that situation?” Honestly, only once –if that! What I needed was to learn how to share the gospel with those people I was going to be around for twenty years, not just two minutes. People without an acute need, like being in an airplane plummeting from the sky, usually do not respond to two-minute gospel presentations. I needed to learn how to draw my neighbors to Jesus over decades. I am still learning how to do that, because quite frankly I have never lived in one place for over a decade. Carla and I have been on the move quite a bit, especially lately.

Nevertheless, I have picked up a few helpful ideas on the way. Number one: never underestimate the power of consistent neighborliness and kindness. Number two: have people over for dinner and do not be afraid to talk about how enriching your life with Jesus Christ is. Number three: do not make the Christian life sound like “everything is all better now.” It is not. You might have more resources to deal with trauma than those do who are lacking a walk with Christ, but we all still have troubles. Be honest about that. Finally. Pray. Pray for the souls of the lost. It is the LORD’s work to save, so invite Him in to help. –Soli Deo Gloria–

*God Bless You, Pastor Newton*

# JACOB'S CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2023

## Attendance:

Senior Pastor: Stan Newton

Interim Pastor: Tad Schlegel

Elders: Ron Belknap, Dave Zoghby

Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Kayla Fusselman, Jared Hermany, Kaitey Sacks, Ed Sawyer, Diane Wertman

Treasurer: Dave Follweiler

Visitors: Faye Foulk, Tom Foulk, Mike Follweiler

1. Pastor Stan opened in prayer and devotion.
2. Visitors - Tom Foulk spoke on behalf of the Cemetery Association Committee and requested additional monies for the costs of maintaining the cemetery. Ideas included a love offering and/or additional fundraising. Tom also requested the purchase of a delivery box to be placed outside so that all deliveries to the church go to the same location. A motion was made to allow Tom to purchase a delivery box no greater than \$200 by Ed and seconded by Kayla; motion carried. Mike Follweiler requested permission to coordinate a gentlemen's' get together including clay bird shooting, a meal and bible lesson. A motion to approve was made by Dave and seconded by Jared; motion carried.
3. Property Report – Jared reports no updates at this time.
4. Youth Group – Tad reports no updates for Youth Group. Tad plans on sending out letters to the children/families of Sidewalk Sunday School to inform them of his leaving and therefore the ending of the program; also, to thank them for their involvement and invite them once again to Jacob's Church regular services. Young Adults continue to meet and work through The Art of Marriage series.
5. Website/Social Media/Streaming – Tad reports the website and social media platforms are up to date. Kayla reports the streaming is still dropping from time to time, and has been unable to stream services for the past two weeks. Kevin contacted the internet provider and they suggested increasing the bandwidth along with a new router. Dave agreed to add Kevin onto the account for access and ability to make the necessary changes and upgrades.
6. Sexton Job Description – Dave presented an updated job description for the sexton position.
7. Financial Secretary – Kelly Mease inquired about the financial secretary position. A motion was made to allow Kelly to assume Bonnie's role as financial secretary by Diane and seconded by Ed; motion carried. Kelly will begin new role May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
8. Church Strategic Plan – Kevin has presented a final draft of the plan to the Church Board. Board decided to include input from Pastor Stan before presenting to the congregation. Discussions on priority order continues.
9. Youth Programs/Children's Church – Diane reports she is working on VBS volunteers' clearances, and that all Children's Church teachers' clearances are completed.
10. IT Director Search – We are looking for a new IT Director! Please send Application, Statement of Faith and References to Ron Belknap. Ron reports there are currently no applicants.
11. Youth Leader Search Committee – Diane reports there is currently one applicant for the youth leader position; an in-person interview is scheduled for Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
12. Tad's Recognition Lunch – A luncheon will be held after church on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 for Tad's last service with Jacob's Church. Meatballs and Pizza will be provided, a sign up is posted in the back parlor; please sign up if you plan on attending with a side dish.
13. Pastor Topics (Tad) – Tad reports that Jen Mease will be taking over streaming and social media accounts responsibilities. Diane will be taking over Confirmation Class responsibilities.
14. Pastor Topics (Stan) – Stan reports he will be leaving for Texas on April 11<sup>th</sup> and returning with Carla on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

15. Thank You/Going Away Gift – Kayla previously requested thoughts and ideas for a Thank You gift to be presented to Tad at his last service with Jacob’s Church. A motion was made to purchase a personalized bible along with a monetary gift by Ed and seconded by Kayla; motion carried.
16. Treasurer’s Report – March 2023 Meeting Balance \$37,914.04  
 Income \$22,270.23  
 Transfer from Memorial Fund \$305.00  
 Expenses \$26,440.04  
 April 2023 Meeting Balance \$34,049.23  
 A motion was made to accept Treasurer’s Report as read, by Kayla and seconded by Dave; motion carried.
17. Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to accept March’s meeting minutes with corrections, by Jared and seconded by Diane; motion carried.
18. Next Elders Meeting will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
19. Next Board Meeting will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
20. Pastor Stan closed in prayer.
21. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jared and seconded by Kayla; motion carried.

Recorded and Submitted by Kaitey Sacks

**Next Jacob’s Church Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, June 5, 2023**  
**Next Jacob’s Church Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, June 12, 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 April 2023:

April 2	\$5,306.00
April 7	\$ 693.00
April 9	\$9,387.00
April 16	\$2,706.00
April 23	\$4,324.00
April 30	\$3,642.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-April	\$81,918.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-April	\$81,673.04
Deficit for April 2023	\$ 244.96



Dad,  
 Thanks for the love you have shown,  
 The words of encouragement I have known,  
 Thanks for showing that you care,  
 That you are always willing to share.  
 Thanks for knowing just what to say;  
 When things were not going my way,  
 Thanks for being there for me,  
 We both know you didn’t have to be.  
 May God bless and keep you  
 This Father’s Day and always

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

**Greeters/Ushers for June**

June 4	Jacob's Church Board
June 11	Kevin and Susan Dellicker Ron and Donna Smith
June 18	Jen and Kelly Mease Faye Foulk and Donna Leiser
June 25	James and Rose Moyer Michael and Sheila Sacks

Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

**Scripture Readers for June**

June 4	James Moyer
June 11	Michael Bailey
June 18	TBA
June 25	TBA

**Puppet Ministry**

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer

**Flowers for June**

June 4	Jacob's Church Altar Committee
June 11	Jacob's Church Altar Committee
June 18	In memory of William Campbell - Rev. Stan and Carla Newton Father's Day
June 25	Jacob's Church Altar Committee

**June Acolyte  
LeRoy Hahn**

Happy Birthday  
To Everyone  
Born in June!

**Cost of Flowers for 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!

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



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

*Duane and Rebecca Bertsch  
Robert and Cheryl Boyer  
Jeremy and Sheena Crone  
Justin and Jade Dahiquist  
Tom and Candance Danner  
Aaron and Ronee Foulk  
Michael and Natasha Goulet  
Robert and Kay Greenawalt  
Ryan and Gail Hamm  
Slade and Kinsey Hermany  
Adam and Kelly Krick*

*Steven and Kristen Kunkel  
Perry and Liz Long  
James and Christine Morehouse  
Michael and Suzanne Moyer, Sr  
Rev. Stanley and Carla Newton  
Jeff and Cathy Peter  
Christopher and Kerry Phillips  
Wesley and Jillian Sabo  
Michael and Sheila Sacks  
Ronald and Donna Smith  
Forrest and Jane Wessner*

**A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** has been placed in the Jacobs Union Cemetery to the glory of God and in memory of Verdie Bailey.

## ***Engagement Announcement...***

*"I have found the one whom my soul loves"  
Song of Solomon 3:4*



**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES** to Benjamin Zoghby, son of Dave and Pam Zoghby and Erin Cribbs, daughter of Bill and Deb Cribbs on their recent engagement announcement. The couple is planning a September 24th wedding. May God Bless your wedding day, Ben, and Erin!



# ***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 Condolences***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Jan Elaine (Fetherolf) Shick, who entered eternal life on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the age of 71-5-3. Jan is the daughter of the late Donald John (1927-1982) and Grace Eva Nagle (1928-1971) Fetherolf. Jan was confirmed at Jacob's Church on 3 October 1965 the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn officiated; she married her late husband Robert Raymond Shick (1949-2018) on 30 September 1989 which Rev. Scott L. Shay officiated. Please keep the Shick family in your prayers. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from your Jacob's Church Family.



## **JACOB'S CHURCH STAFF CHANGES**



Will Dellicker  
Youth Minister

Will is excited to make the name of Jesus known right here in New Tripoli! Will graduated this spring with a bachelor's in Biblical and Religious Studies from Grove City College, and he is also a 2019 graduate from Northwestern Lehigh. He taught youth for 3.5 years at Christ United Church in New Castle, PA and has served six years as an infantryman in the PA Army National Guard. Will is a country boy at heart and in his free time, he will probably be hunting or fishing.

Kelly graduated from Northwestern Lehigh High School in 2020. She then attended Lehigh Carbon Community College where she earned her associate degree in business administration. Kelly is currently employed as an Accounting Clerk at TBL, Inc. in Allentown where she provides accounting services for Domino's Pizza and Jersey Mike's franchisees. She also serves as the Registrar of the Liberty Bell Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and as a Volunteer Genealogist with the Pennsylvania State Society Daughter's of the American Revolution. Kelly is dedicated to her faith, she finds joy in wholeheartedly serving God, embracing His teachings, and contributing to His Kingdom's work.



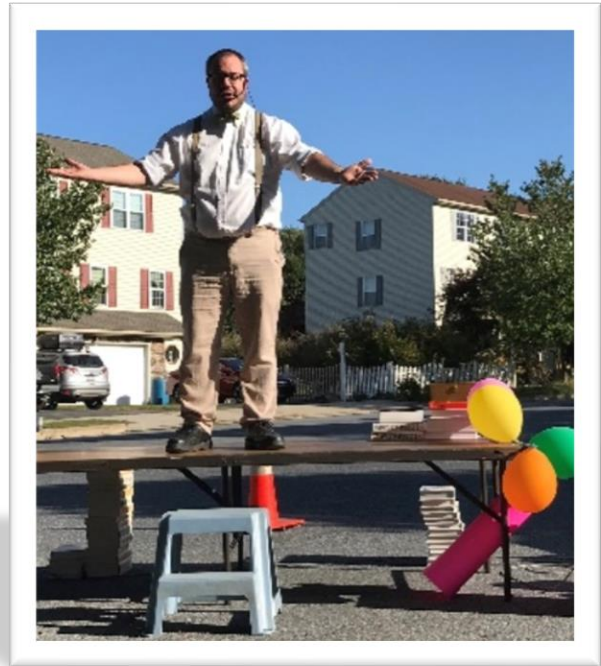
Kelly Mease  
Financial Secretary

## Farewell Interim Pastor



Pastor Schlegel, Lauren, and Michael...we appreciate you being our Interim Pastor, Youth Pastor, and part of our Jacob's Church Family for the past few years and always being open-minded and obedient to the Bible. God will use you wherever he calls, and you will always be in our prayers. Thank you! May our Lord and Savior, bless you and keep you.

Regards, Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Jacob's Church



Dear Jacob's Church Family,

My family's heart is so full of love after the going away party, the cards, the gifts, the prayers, the well wishes, and the uplifting song by the choir. Thank you for that. Jacob's Church is truly a part of our family, and we want to thank you for blessing us over the last five years by allowing us to be a part of this family. We will truly cherish the memories we made with many of you. Memories that will last a lifetime. So, thank you for not only loving us, but pouring into us over the years. We will miss you. So, though this may seem like we are saying "goodbye," we are only saying "see you later."

Love, Pastor Schlegel, and Family





# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JACOB'S CHURCH

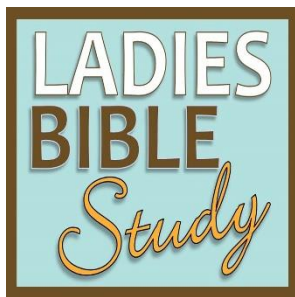


## **STEPHEN MINISTRY – Christ caring for people through people**

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. Stephen Ministers Meetings will be held on **Thursday, June 1st and Thursday, June 15th.**

## **CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT MINISTRY**

Jacob's Church continues to reach out to our members and extended families with "Thinking of you" cards. The cards to be sent out are in the parlor area, please take the time to sign each card before or after worship. Our mission is to remember each other as we go through life's journey. Please contact Diane Wertman (484.330.1033), for additional information or to offer a name in need.

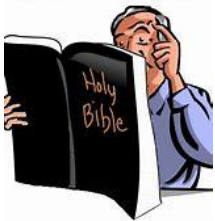


**SISTERS OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY** - Come and share in wonderful fellowship with Sisters in Christ every Tuesday morning from 9:30am-11:30am in Jacob's Activity Center! If you would like more information contact Louise Hill (610.573.1977) or Donna Shay (610.739.1867).

**FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRY** is taking a summer hiatus. For additional information, please contact Diane Wertman (484.330.1033).

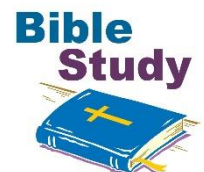


## **BIBLE STUDY**



**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** – Start your Wednesday mornings with great fellowship, and excellent food! Join your Brothers in Christ in Jacob's Activity Center at 7:00am. For additional information, please contact Ralph Hill (610.767.1286).

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** – Come explore the Psalms for All Seasons with Pastor on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm in the Activity Center.





**CHOIR REHEARSAL** is held on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. All voices are welcome! Any additional information, please contact Rev. Susan Ohl (610.562.7953).

**LADIES NIGHT OUT** – will not meet over the summer months. Have a great summer, see you in September, Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567).



**HOLY COMMUNION** will be served on Sunday, June 4, 2023. O God, we ask you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this bread and wine to the souls of all those who receive them. That they may eat and drink in remembrance of the body and blood of your Son, and witness to you. O God.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – any Jacob’s Church member who will be attending college in the fall is encouraged to obtain the 2023 guidelines and outline (contains essay questions) to apply for a portion of Jacob’s Church Scholarship Fund. Please contact Donna Smith at [goal1355@yahoo.com](mailto:goal1355@yahoo.com) or Ron Belknap at [rbelknap@protocam.com](mailto:rbelknap@protocam.com) to receive the necessary information. Deadline to apply is **Thursday, June 1, 2023**.



**2023 GRADUATES TO BE HONORED** - On **Sunday, June 11th** during the morning worship service. All College and High School Graduates who are members of Jacob’s Church will be honored and presented with a gift. Anyone having a graduate in their family please contact Church Secretary, Faye Foulk (610.751.5742) or [Novaps@aol.com](mailto:Novaps@aol.com). Thank you.

**FATHER’S DAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023**,  
Fathers will be honored during our worship service.



**IN SEARCH OF** – Jacob’s Church is in search of a Technology Director. The job description and ability to apply are on the [jacobschurch.org](http://jacobschurch.org) website under career opportunities.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## Jacob's Church VBS

8373 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066

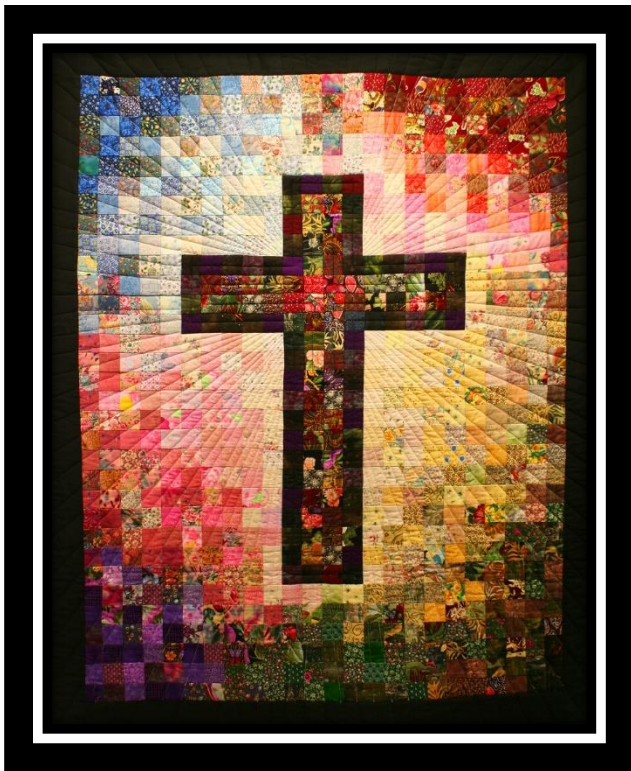
July 10-14, 2023: 9am-12pm

Closing Program/Shinefest: July 16 starting at 10am

Kids ages 3 years old through finished 6th grade

***Register at: <https://jacobschurch.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom/register/>***

Questions? Contact Kayla Fusselman at kemptoncountry@gmail.com



*Jacob's Church*  
*Ladies Banquet*  
**Saturday, June 3, 2023**  
in the Activity Center  
Artistry in Quilting  
With Jean Weller

*“A time to tear apart, and  
A time to sew together;  
a time to be silent and a time to speak”  
Ecclesiastes 3:7*

**Tickets available for purchase from:  
Faye Foulk, Kayla Fusselman  
and Kaitey Sacks  
Ticket Prices:**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Children (3 thru 12)</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Children (Under 3)</b>	<b>Free</b>

In days gone by, quilts were made out of necessity. Blankets were needed to keep warm. Used material from grain sacks and other sources were readily available. Women used their sewing ability and resources to make very useful and creative quilts. Some of today's quilts are still made following that tradition, but many others have become an exquisite form of textile art. Today, many serious quilters are artists who express their creativity and expertise through the medium of cloth.

Join us at our Ladies Banquet when award winning quilt designer, Jean Weller, will present a program displaying and discussing the artistry in some of her quilting. In addition to showing different patterns and styles in finished products as well as some in progress, Jean will also share how her Quilting Guild supports people in need throughout our area and the entire country. This presentation promises to be a beautiful treat for the eyes, a catalyst for creative thinking and a blessing for the heart.  
Join us!



# JACOB'S CHURCH

## LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL 2022-2023



We have come to the end of our amazing 2022-2023 school year! So many wonderful memories made and precious hearts have started a beautiful relationship with our Lord! We had such a fun year with these adorable kids. We wish our PreK graduates the best in Kindergarten and look forward to our 3-year-old class returning in the Fall. We have lots of new Little Lambs joining us as well that we are looking forward too!!! Have a Happy Summer Everyone!!!



Little Lambs Preschool Staff  
with Michael Schlegel



Brenna Christman



Lillie Dietrich

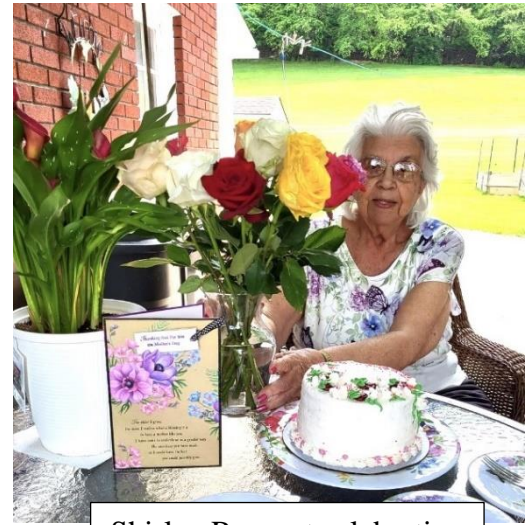
# LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!



Donna Shay, Rev. Scott Shay,  
& Hermie Schappell



**PRESS PHOTO  
BY NANCY SCHOLZ**  
Jon Conti looks for a  
shot during a recent  
game.



Shirley Ruppert celebrating



Kian Osborne  
surprised  
escort Brinley  
Rex by asking  
her to the  
Northwestern  
Lehigh Prom  
during the Mr.  
Northwestern  
contest on  
May 6.



Julie Dietrich & Gavin Heiter



Brenna Christman, Kindergarten Registration



Eli Johri's escort for the formal wear contest  
was his mother Ginger Johri, a Northwestern  
Lehigh High School alumna.



Megan Fagan, Donna Laub-Smith, Brian Reinert and Chad Miller at the pierogies and beef stroganoff fundraiser at the Germansville Fire Company.

Eddie Keichel  
Named Parkland Wrestling Coach  
Congratulations!



**WRESTLING**

## Can you identify?



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY WLTHS

Such a beautiful family picture. The date and names of the individuals are unknown. Can anyone help the Weisenberg Lowhill Township Historical Society identify the year or period it was taken, or the names of anyone in the photo? Anyone with information is asked to email Editor Deb Palmieri at [dpalmieri@tnonline.com](mailto:dpalmieri@tnonline.com) or call 610-740-0944 ext. 3706.

7 Day Forecast

**We Need Your Help!**

# THANK YOU!

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

Bonnie Belknap,  
Thank you for the many years of  
faithful service as Financial  
Secretary of Jacob's Church!  
(2011-2023)  
Enjoy your retirement.  
May God Bless you and Yours.  
Thank you again,  
Your Jacob's Church Family



Jacob's Church,  
A big Thank You to everyone that made  
Mom's Day Special. I believe she is the  
oldest member of the church. A Special  
thank you to Leann for the beautiful  
pictures. Thank you so much.  
Hermie, Judy and Cindy, and the families.  
Ephesians 1:16

Jacob's Church Family,  
I give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;  
I give thanks to you, my Jacob's Church Family with all my heart;  
I give thanks to you, the First Responders,  
my family and my friends with all my heart;  
This has been a difficult time for Edgar and I,  
we remain ever faithful in our Lord,  
we give thanks to the Lord.  
Edgar and I are forever grateful for the support, love, concern,  
and kindness; you warm our hearts.  
God Bless you and keep you always, Barb Rehrig





# MISSIONS!

## **Jacob's Church,**

For those of you who have asked for a list of requests we are receiving, attached is a current but ever-changing list on an Excel spreadsheet. Your prayers for these specific needs and the leaders responsible appreciated.

When I ask for the leader's priorities, borewells seem to be the most requested and effective tools to touch lives and show they care. I have attached a sample email request explaining the need in several villages.

We have sent our most recent Jesus Film projector to show 8 Burmese tribal languages and it was hand carried to Myanmar this week. Although I didn't add it to the list of needs, the military is now trying to starve the Chin tribe Christians who they consider rebels in addition to burning and bombing. We have fulfilled some food requests.

We are slowly rebuilding the microloan reserves and have many, many more requests than we can fill even though repaid loans are recycled to provide more loans. Covid diverted most of the funds for desperately needed food when commerce came to a halt.

Bible requests are always beyond what we can satisfy. We are experimenting with SD cards with audio Bibles in Nepal for illiterate's mobile phones. Also, we will be looking to study Bibles to help village pastors.

We have completed providing bicycles for all leader's pastors and evangelists except for one except for one major one that has trained countless village pastors.

There are continuing requests to pay for ongoing schooling for orphans. Although these are worthy causes, I have avoided ongoing commitments except for one of our donors who gives to us to support an orphan in both Kolkata and Uganda each month. We do help several groups of orphans for a one-time basis in life threatening or crisis situations.

We also work on a limited basis with aging lepers in two colonies.

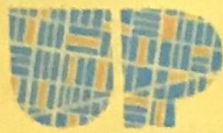
As some of you have suggested, we are working to have Biblical financial principles taught and practiced in all situations. This includes educating leaders about borrowing money, requiring local funds to be raised that we can match wherever possible, teaching Biblical financial principles, and getting orphans exposed to survival business skills. I believe that our ability to send money to causes in India may soon be limited or eliminated so my aim is to help the leaders teach, explore, and establish local support.

Many of the homes are built of bamboo and rice straw. Recent tornadoes have been devastating for huts and a few churches. One out of control cooking fire in Assam torched the homes of 40 families clustered in a village and other families won't share their water or food. We try to respond with some help whenever possible to demonstrate our faith, especially to Muslim outcasts from the Hindu society.

These are some of the ways we try to make the most effective use of funds available. We are very grateful for those who can sponsor items and whenever we are permitted to use names, we pass on so that the villagers can pray for those donors and dedicate in their honor. (or just anonymous if you wish) As previously mentioned, this is a great way to honor those special folks who are difficult to buy for. For smaller donations, we combine and also honor when additional funds become available. We are also grateful for RMD sharing/giving from compassionate seniors whose legacy will continue..

Thank you for your continuing prayers and support. Natalie and I have visited quite a few of the projects you've sponsored. You have touched and given hope to grateful lives you may never meet here on earth.

Blessings, John



# UNITE PHILLY



Bryant Park, NYC



Kids returning the emptied eggs



Katie's 9' floral display

April 2023

## Holy Week 2023

Holy Week this year will certainly be remembered by our family for all the memories and ministry we packed into one week. We started off with the kids first trip to Manhattan. Our city kids were right at ease and already asking to go back this summer.

Coming back to Philly, we were so grateful for their help as we lead a couple initiatives last weekend. The first was an Easter egg hunt at Woodland for about 40 kids from our church and neighborhood. It was hard to get an exact count as they were running all over the place! The kids made short work of the 900 + eggs, but everyone stuck around long after the last egg was found. In our context, we find that most neighbors are not looking for a church, but are far more likely to connect with Christian community outside of a service. After all the new people had departed and a couple hours after the hunt, I called it a day.

The Lawn at Woodland (the ministry center we are activating) is a perfect place for outreaches to families. The restored outbuilding "The Annex" is already being regularly used for both homeless and international ministry. The Sanctuary is beyond our scope at the moment, but renovations to the Fellowship Hall space are about to begin. The contractor intends to start the end of May and plans to be done by August 15th. This date will allow us another 2k sq feet to connect with new

students as they arrive to our neighborhood. If you have ever worked with contractors, you will keep this target date in your prayers.

We will have to move a lot of equipment out of the space before they start work, so we are organizing a workday for our church from 9-11 am on May the 6th. Besides moving, we will also need folks to weed and mulch the grounds. If you are free to help, let us know!

The final project of Holy Week was the most unusual and beautiful. Katie repurposed a 9 foot heptagon with an explosion of flowers. It was more than just a beautiful backdrop (though it felt like everyone in attendance took up our offer to take a picture with it). The sermon this Resurrection Day was how the creation narrative and Gospel of John both feature the call to be faithful in a garden. In Genesis we fail, but Jesus is obedient when tested in a far more trying encounter. We are then restored to tend to all God has created to produce a harvest in his field.

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## Post vacation Panama update

As usual, another vacation bites the dust. Another vacation of blessings and learning. I went to 8 bible studies, 1 trip to a homeless shelter in Reading to feed the homeless, a trip to Kentucky to see the Creation Museum and the Ark, visited 4 churches, did a “Meet the Missionary” night at Hope church; did 1 sermon and a few presentations showing what we have been doing in Panama. Not to mention a bunch of mealtime chats and eating a bunch of ice cream.

I got to meet some new people that have a heart for missions. A great big thank you goes out to those that picked me up at the airport and took me back to the airport, thank you to all who fed me, thank you to Bobby Nestor for letting me stay in his home, and a huge thank you to Kathy Fields who loaned me a car. All this was serving the Lord by serving a missionary who is serving the Lord full time in Panama.

Thanks to the generosity of many, it looks like 2 or 3 people will see much better again as we will provide them with cataract surgery. They will be able to read their bibles again. Right now, some cannot identify me from 30 feet away. I also can't wait to get back to the orphans that I have come in contact with. I will deliver 600 pounds of rice to them Friday, along with some vegetables.

There is so much to do, and I am rested up and ready to get going. I am blessed to have all of you as a part of my support system.

See you all in October. By then I will be hungry again....hint.....hint.

Joyfully Serving Him,

Bob “Bobby Mo” Moyer

“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?” ( or missionary) Romans 10:14-15.

**JACOB'S CHURCH**

# **ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT**

## ***“THE CHURCH ON A HILL, SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST”***

May 25, 2023

Happenings in the Jacob’s Activity Center during the month of May....

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, starting at 9:30AM and ending approximately at 11:30AM.

The Freedom in Christ Ministry held a session on Tuesday, May 2nd, beginning at 7:00PM. The group is on summer hiatus.

Men’s Prayer Bible Study Breakfast held their breakfast on Wednesday, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st starting at 7:00AM.

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, May 4th, and Thursday, May 18th.

Kutztown Lady Twirlers held an end of year celebration on Sunday, May 21st.

Private celebrations were held on Sunday, May 7th, Saturday, May 13th, Sunday, May 21st, and Saturday, May 20th.

Crossroads Community and Orchard Homeschool groups use the center on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

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

God Bless You,  
Faye M Foulk

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## **Jacob’s Church Scheduled Activities in Church**

## **June 2023**



Lynnport Community Fire  
Community No. 1 Crew

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

Jacob's Church Tentative Activity Center Schedule					June 2023	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Stephen Ministers Meeting 9:30AM-12:00PM Homeschool 1-3pm	2	3 Ladies Banquet 8:00am-9:00am
4 9:00am Sunday School	5 Jacob's Church Board Meeting 7:00pm	6 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM Homeschool 1-4pm Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm	8 Homeschool 1-3pm	9	10 Private Celebration
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18 9:00am Sunday School	19	20 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	21 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM Homeschool 1-4pm Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm	22 Homeschool 1-3pm	23 Life-Screen 8:00-5:00pm Twirlers 6:00-7:30pm	24 Private Celebration
25 9:00am Sunday School Installation Luncheon for Pastor	26	27 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	28 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM Homeschool 1-4pm Mid-week Bible Study 7:00pm	29	30	

