

# 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”

### It Was the Preaching

Mark's gospel moves fast. Sometimes I wish he had provided details that seem to be left out or skipped. Of course, Mark was a protégé of the apostle Peter and not an eyewitness to the accounts he left for us. What he recorded might have been all he knew, so maybe he did not purposefully leave out or skip any material that might have been more helpful to our understanding of how those early days went. He simply was recording what Peter had told him.

The details I am looking for are any descriptions of what Jesus had done in front of those early disciples, Simon and Andrew (Mk 1:16) and James and John (Mk 1:19), who responded so quickly to Jesus when he called them. Mark tells us John the Baptizer's preaching was quite popular, but John got put in jail. Jesus then came proclaiming the kingdom of God, the same message John had preached. We do not know what attracted those disciples to Jesus. Maybe those fishermen thought of John as a precursor to the Messiah so when Jesus called them, they were ready to go, because they thought God was about to initiate his kingdom on the earth.

The gospel of John tells us that Andrew was with John the Baptist. When Jesus came up John said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” So, Andrew followed Jesus and went and got his brother so he could introduce the two. We at least know those early disciples had met Jesus before he approached them and called them to follow him. Other than that, we know very little of those early days of Jesus' ministry as he gathered men around himself so he could train them.

As far as we know, *it was the preaching* that attracted Simon, Andrew, James, and John. The Bible does not attribute any miracles to John the Baptist and Jesus began to do miracles only after his small group of disciples began to grow. That is significant because that means it was their response to God's Word that attracted them. Nothing fancy or extravagant, nothing out of the ordinary or astonishing. *It was the preaching* that provoked their desire to be part of something significant.

Mark tells us that Jesus called Simon and Andrew as they were casting a net. James and John were mending theirs, and when Jesus called them, they left their dad with the hired servants to follow Jesus. We are not told if Simon and Andrew left their net in the water, or if they pulled it back in and stored it inside their boat on the shoreline. In either case, Jesus' call to all four of them was an interruption of their work.

Reading the gospel accounts closely and seeing details like this helps keep me grounded. Sometimes I find myself peering into the sky asking God to do a miracle to get people's attention. It would be so much easier if God would occasionally work a wonder among us to keep our focus on what he is doing in the world. Instead, as he did with those early disciples God seems to work mostly through the preaching of the Word, letting the real miracle be the altering of someone's heart who wants to follow Jesus towards something bigger than just the daily grind of scratching the earth for that weekly paycheck.

In other words, we get to initiate the miraculous because it truly is a miracle when somebody leaves behind the cares of this world to pursue Christ. Dropping the world's values for the pursuit of a kingdom we have not seen yet is truly a supernatural move. So, next time you are looking for a miracle you can make it happen by taking a step in Jesus' footsteps.

# JACOB'S CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## MARCH 6, 2023

**Attendance:**

Interim Pastor: Tad Schlegel

Elders: Ron Belknap, Mike Madtes, Dave Zoghby

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

Treasurer: Dave Follweiler

Visitors: Faye Foulk, Mike Sacks

1. Pastor Schlegel opened in prayer.
2. Property Report – Jared reports estimates are being obtained for stone work, as well as looking into options for the driveway behind the Activity Center.
3. Youth Group – Tad reports no updates for Youth Group or Sidewalk Sunday School. Young Adults continue to meet and work through The Art of Marriage series.
4. 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. Kevin will contact internet company to discuss other options for service.
5. Church Strategic Plan – Kevin has presented a final draft of the plan to the Church Board. Board decided to include input from Pastor Newton before presenting to the congregation.
6. Youth Programs/Children’s Church – Diane reports Children’s Church will go back to one large group for now, as well as keeping the traditional timeframe. Diane introduced Ministry Safe; a program designed to help identify abuse, and suggested that those helping with children programs should complete the course.
7. IT Director Search – We are looking for a new IT Director! Please send Application, Statement of Faith and References to Ron Belknap. An updated job description will be available on the church website shortly.
8. Treasurer’s Report – February 2023 Meeting Balance \$33,923.45

Income	\$25,149.47
Expenses	\$21,158.88
March 2023 Meeting Balance	\$37,914.04

A motion was made to accept Treasurer’s Report as read, by Kayla and seconded by Kaitey; motion carried.

9. Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to accept February’s meeting minutes as read, by Kayla and seconded by Mike; motion carried.
10. Pulpit Committee – Ron reports Pastor Newton has accepted the church’s offer for the senior pastor position, with a starting date of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Pastor Schlegel’s final service will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023; farewell fellowship will follow. Pastor Schlegel’s severance package will continue until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Diane will help with confirmation class during the transition.
11. Youth Leader Search Committee – Diane reports that advertisements for the youth leader have been posted on a variety of platforms.
12. Missionary Minute – Diane reports that John Teufel from Barnabas Benefit will be visiting March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Bob Moyer will be visiting April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.
13. Next Elders Meeting will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
14. Next Board Meeting will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
15. Kevin closed in prayer.
16. 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, May 1, 2023**

**Next Jacob’s Church Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, May 8, 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 March 2023:

March 5	\$4,072.00
March 12	\$3,917.04
March 19	\$5,335.00
March 26	\$3,575.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-March	\$59,163.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-March	\$55,615.04
Deficit for March 2023	\$ 3,547.96

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

**Greeters/Ushers for May**

**May 7 Jim and Rose Moyer**  
**Richard and Joan Oswald**  
**May 14 Solomon, Ginger, Elijah, Isaiah Johri**  
**May 21 Faye Billig and Faye Foulk**  
**Glenda Bennicoff and Monica Rodriguez**  
**May 28 Jacob's Church Board**

**Scripture Readers for May**

**May 7 Joan Oswald**  
**May 14 TBA**  
**May 21 TBA**  
**May 28 TBA**



**Puppet Ministry**

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**  
 Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer  
**Sunday, May 21, 2023**  
 Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald

**Flowers for May**

**May 7 In memory of Fred Bowman from Daughters and Families**  
**May 14 Mother's Day**  
**May 21 Jim and Rose Moyer Anniversary – May 18th (Altar)**  
**Bruce and Loretta Peters Anniversary – Floral arrangement**  
**May 28 Jacob's Church Altar Committee**

**May Acolyte**  
**Rosalie Heiter**

**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 May:

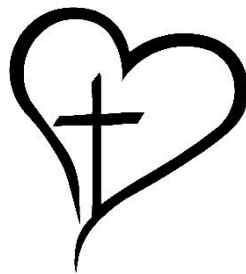
*Michael and Kimberly Blevins  
Larnelle and Sol Damon  
Isaiah and Jenna Danner  
Brad and Heather Eroh  
Austin and Angela Foulk  
Riley and Katie Fusselman  
Cyrus and Jennifer Gehringer  
Deane and Karen Hamm  
Ronald and Cindy Loch  
David and Marcia Miller  
Jim and Rose Moyer*

*Orin and Ginger Moyer  
Bruce and Loretta Peters  
Michael and Anni Russo  
John and Katarine Ryan  
Joseph and Jenny Schick  
Rev. Tad and Lauren Schlegel  
Curtis and Joan Staudt  
Michael and Vanessa Stepan  
Brandon and Jordan Wessner  
Seth and Briana Winters  
Andrew and Whitney Zoghby*



## **Wedding Vow Renewal...**

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



**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES** to Michael Allen Sacks and Leann Lorene (Deily) Sacks, who rededicated themselves to each other on their 40th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, April 16, 2023 at Jacob's Church with Interim Pastor, Rev. Tad M. Schlegel officiating. Forty years, four children, and fifteen grandchildren later! Mike and Leann are the parents of Michael (Sheila) Sacks, Allen (Gayla) Sacks, Ray (Katilin) Sacks and Breann (Darion Slabinski) Sacks. Grandchildren: Samuel, Sarah, Emma, Ava, Isaiah, Andrea, Elijah, Nehemiah, Ira, Sophia, Norah, Aaliyah, Micah, Ezrah, and Lucah. The first time around they were married at Jacob's Union Church on Saturday, April 16, 1983 officiated by Interim Pastor, Rev. Richard Druckenbrod, and Rev. Larry E. Hemsley, assisted. Parents of the couple, Joyce (Hartman) Sacks, the late Ray Sacks, the late Leroy Deily, the late Raymond, and the late Lorraine (Kemmerer) Deily Bobiak. May God's Blessings be upon Mike and Leann.

## ***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 Thomas L. Walsh, who entered eternal life on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at the age of 70-2-18. Thomas is survived by his daughter, Amanda (Walsh) Rex, her husband, Josh and their children, Colin, Landen, Brinley, and Hailey Rex of New Tripoli; members of our Jacob's Church Family! Please keep the Walsh family in your prayers. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from your Jacob's Church Family.

### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Elaine K. (Reitz) Dietrich, who entered eternal life on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at the age of 85-2-19. Elaine is the wife of the late Russell K. Dietrich (1931-1999), together they operated their family dairy farm in Lynn Township. She is the daughter of the late Carl H. and Irene H. (Bachman) Reitz. Elaine is survived by her children William L. (the late Imogene nee Fritzinger 1957-2017) Dietrich, Curtis R. Dietrich and wife, Lynn, Robin E. (Dietrich) Ressler and husband, Bryan, Brian C. Dietrich and wife, Fay. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jennifer (Cyrus) Gehringer, Jordan (Brandon) Wessner, Laura (Stephen) Hayes, and Nadine Dietrich; her great-grandchildren, Ashtyn Gehringer, Wade Gehringer, Jeffrey Dietrich and cousins, Ryan Hamm, and Rhonda Lindahl; members of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Dietrich 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 Doris Hattie (Smith) Weisner Miller, who entered eternal life on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at the age of 79-5-15. Doris graduated from Northwestern Lehigh High School, Class of 1961. Her late husband, Richard (1940-2007) and Doris enjoyed farming at their Kempton family farm with their five children. Doris is the sister, of Faye (Tom) Smith Foulk, the aunt of Tom Foulk, Trevor (Tarah Tokarcik) Foulk, Andrew (Katie Hepner) Foulk, Aaron (Ronee Wright) Foulk and Austin (Angie Grumbine) Foulk and their children. She was also the cousin of Ron (Donna Newhard) Smith, and their children all members of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Weisner Miller family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from your Jacob's Church Family.

### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Ryan Michael Schock, who entered eternal life on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at the age of 19-6-22. Ryan is the son of Michal J. and Michele M. (Jones) Schock. He graduated from Northwestern Lehigh High School, Class of 2022. Many of his friends attend Jacob's Church, please keep the Schock 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 David L. Loch, who entered eternal life on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at the age of 70-1-1. David is survived by his niece, Jocelyn (JJ Held) Reppert, her husband, Jim and their children, Jaidyn, Josiah, Jonah and Jordan Reppert, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Loch family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from your Jacob's Church Family.



### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Samantha L. Muth, who entered eternal life on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at the age of 17-4-23. Samantha is the daughter of Lisa and Scott Moyer and David Muth. Samantha is also survived by Jim and Rose Moyer and their children, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Muth 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 Susan Jane (Henry) Hartman, who entered eternal life on Friday, April 7, 2023 at the age of 71-3-24. Susan is survived by her husband, Ronald Robert Hartman and their children, Steven (Madie) Hartman, Nathan (Wenhui) Hartman, Jennifer (Hartman) (Keith) Bergenstock, and their children. Susan was confirmed on 6 June 1965 at Jacob's Union Church officiated by Rev. Daniel Newhard. Susan and Ronald were married at Jacob's Union Church on 25 August 1973 officiated by the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. Susan was also organist at Jacob's Church (1998-2007). Interment was held on Wednesday, April 12th in Jacobs Union Cemetery. Please keep the Hartman family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from your Jacob's Church Family.

### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Leo R. "Butch" Grumbine, who entered eternal life on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the age of 68-5-13. Butch is survived by his daughter, Angie (Grumbine), wife of Austin Foulk, and their children Isabella Giunta, Dominic Giunta and Logan Foulk, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Grumbine family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from your Jacob's Church Family.

***2023 Easter Home Communions: Nancy Backenstoos, Jean Fronheiser, Betsy Hauser, Virginia Henry, Rhonda Lindahl, Lester Lutz, Ray & Karen Moyer, Paul Nester, Shirley Ruppert, Joyce Sacks, Hermie Schappell, Janice Shrawder, and Joan Staudt***

### ***Wonderful Mother***

*God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He molded her heart of pure gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses, you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.*

*By Pat O'Reilly*



### ***And Grandma's too...***

*While we honor all our mothers  
With words of love and praise.  
While we tell about their goodness  
And their kind and loving ways.  
We should also think of Grandma,  
she's a mother too, you see...  
For she mothered my dear mother  
As my mother mothers me.*

*Author Unknown*

*May your unfailing love be my comfort,  
according to your promise to your servant.*

*Psalm 119:76*

*Thank You To All Who Presented  
The Easter Flowers To Beautify  
Our Sanctuary On Resurrection Sunday*

*To the Honor and Glory to God...*

*Corinne Bast - Hyacinths  
in loving memory of husband, William Bast,  
and daughter, Michelle Bast*

*Glenda Bennicoff - Lillies & Daffodils  
Glory to God!*

*David Follweiler, Michael Follweiler,  
Susan Sufflet & Families - Hyacinths  
in loving memory of parents,  
Ralph & Pearl Follweiler  
in loving memory of Howard & Arlene Hamm*

*Michael & Denise Follweiler & Family - Tulips  
in loving memory of Ralph & Pearl Follweiler*

*Tom & Faye Foulk & Families  
Daffodils & Hyacinths  
in loving memory of our parents,  
William & Shirley Foulk  
in loving memory of our parents,  
Howard & Hattie Smith*

*Kayla Fusselman & Nicholas Schaeffer - Hyacinths  
In loving memory of Diane Fusselman*

*Jared & Andrea Hermany & Family - Tulips  
He is Risen! Hallelujah!*

*Ralph & Louise Hill - Hyacinths & Tulips  
To the Honor and Glory of God  
in loving memory of loved ones*

*Charles & Ruth Kaley - Hyacinths  
in loving memory of our parents,  
Henry & Lillian Hartman  
in loving memory of our parents,  
Samuel & Elsie Kaley*

*Gary & Carolyn Krick - Hyacinths & Lilies  
To the Glory of God!  
In Loving Memory of Loved Ones*

*Perry & Elizabeth, Long - Tulips  
Glory to God!*

*Susan Mannino - Tulips  
in loving member of father, Charles Rauch*

*Jim & Rose Moyer - Daffodils  
To the Glory of God!*

*Susan Ohl - Lilies  
In honor of Jesus' resurrection!*

*Dick & Joan Oswald - Daffodils & Hyacinths  
in loving member of our parents  
and to the Glory of God!*

*Loretta Peters - Hyacinths & Tulips  
In loving memory of Dad, William Ruppert  
In loving memory of Grandmother, Agnes Hausman*

*Dianne Ralston - Lilies  
in loving memory of Larry Ralston*

*Barbara Rehrig - Hyacinths  
Honor and Glory to our Lord!*

*Joyce Sacks - Hyacinths  
in loving memory of husband, Jay Sacks*

*Ed & Tracy Sawyer & Family - Hyacinths  
"He is Risen indeed!"*

*Ralph & Diane Wertman - Lilies  
All Glory and Honor to Jesus!*

*Dave & Pam Zoghby - Lilies & Tulips  
Glory to God!*



**SINCERE APPRECIATION**  
is extended to the Jacob's Church Congregation  
for their donations of Easter Flowers.  
A special thank you to the Jacob's Church Altar  
Committee for all they do to make the sanctuary  
beautiful each season and every Sunday. Your  
job is endless! We appreciate you!



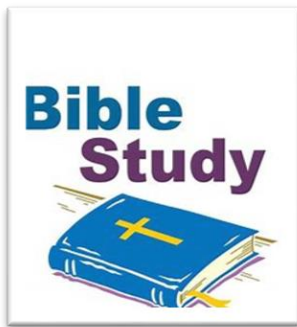
# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JACOB'S CHURCH



**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 on **Thursday, May 4th and Thursday, May 18th.**

## 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 at 484.330.1033, for additional information or to offer a name in need.



**SISTERS OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY** - The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Study are reviewing, "The Practice of Godliness," by Jerry Bridges. This book focuses on developing our Christian character by "putting off the old self and putting on the new." Together, we read the text, discuss as we go, and share God's faithfulness throughout our life's experiences. 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** meet **Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm** in the Activity Center to view and discuss "The Chosen" Season Three. For additional information, please contact Diane Wertman at 484.330.1033.



**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** meet **Wednesday mornings at 7:00am** in the Activity Center meeting room! For additional information, please contact Ralph Hill at 610.767.1286.

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





# Ladies Night Out

**LADIES NIGHT OUT** – will be held on **Monday, May 15th at 6:30pm** in the activity center. For additional information, please contact Kayla Fusselman at 610.844.1567.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED AT JACOBS UNION CEMETERY ON SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023 APPROXIAMATELY STARTING AT 8:45AM**



**MOTHERS** will be honored during our worship service on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2023.**

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her" **Proverbs 31:24-28**

## **Sunday, May 28, 2023 Pentecost Communion**

Holy Communion will be served in the pews.

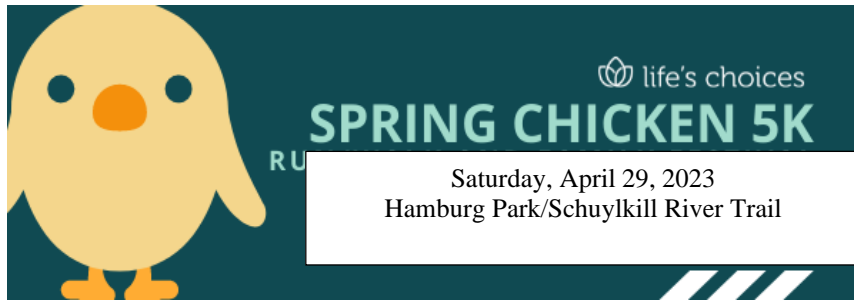


**SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – any Jacob's Church member who will be attending college in the fall is encouraged to obtain the 2023 guidelines and outline (contains essay questions) to apply for a portion of Jacob's Church Scholarship Fund. Please contact Donna Smith at [goal1355@yahoo.com](mailto:goal1355@yahoo.com) 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 at 610.751.5742 or [Novaps@aol.com](mailto:Novaps@aol.com). Thank you.



**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.



**The Annual Spring Chicken 5K Run/Walk and Family Festival\***

\*Family festival will take place throughout the event with games, activities and giveaways from our sponsors and local churches.

**When: Saturday, April 29, 2023**

**Where: Hamburg Park/Schuylkill River Trail  
starting and ending at the Hamburg Park.  
Franklin St. & Park Rd., Hamburg, PA**

Event Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Walk-Up Registration accepted the day of the race.

9:00 a.m. Chick Chase Fun Run (ages 12 and under)

9:30 a.m. Walk and 5k Run Begins

Please go to the link for additional information or to register.

<https://lifeschoicessupport.org/events/springchicken/>

Online registration only, NO Mail In Registration

Online registration ends at midnight Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Early Registration: Register by April 15<sup>th</sup> for a free T-shirt,  
Chick-fil-A Sandwich, and discounted registration fee.

	By 4/15	After 4/15
Child – 12 and under -	\$15	\$20
Chick Chase: 12 and under	\$15 ( no cost with a 5k registration)	\$20
Individual Adult – 13 and up	\$30	\$35
Teams of 4 or more members -	\$20/person	\$25

Questions? Contact Race Director [sboyer253@gmail.com](mailto:sboyer253@gmail.com)

or Call/Text: Life Choices 610-683-8000





JACOB'S CHURCH  
IS HOSTING  
A LIFE LINE SCREENING EVENT ON  
FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023  
ACTIVITY CENTER  
PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE  
YOUR APPOINTMENT  
by calling toll free  
877.792.8480 or [lifelinescreening.com](http://lifelinescreening.com)



Jacob's Church VBS  
July 10-14, 9am-12pm

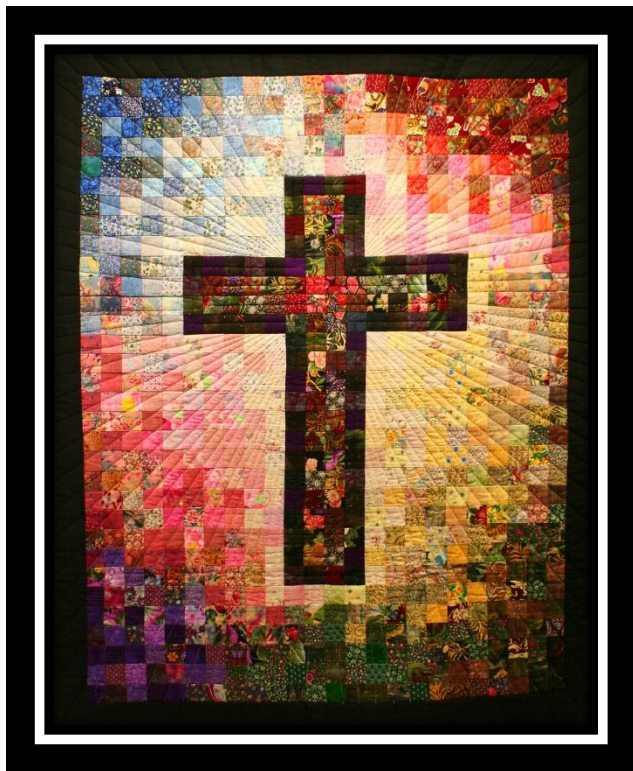
Closing program/picnic July 16

Volunteers needed!

\*Registration coming soon\*

Contact Kayla Fusselman at 610-844-1567  
for more info!





# *Jacob's Church Ladies Banquet*

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**  
in the Activity Center  
Artistry in Quilting  
With Jean Weller

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

**Ticket Prices:**

Adults	\$10.00
Children (3 thru 12)	\$ 5.00
Children (Under 3)	Free

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



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!

**Dinner Menu**

Salad, Intermezzo, Dinner Rolls,  
Italian Entrée  
Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade  
5:30 PM (Fellowship)  
6:00 PM (Dinner)

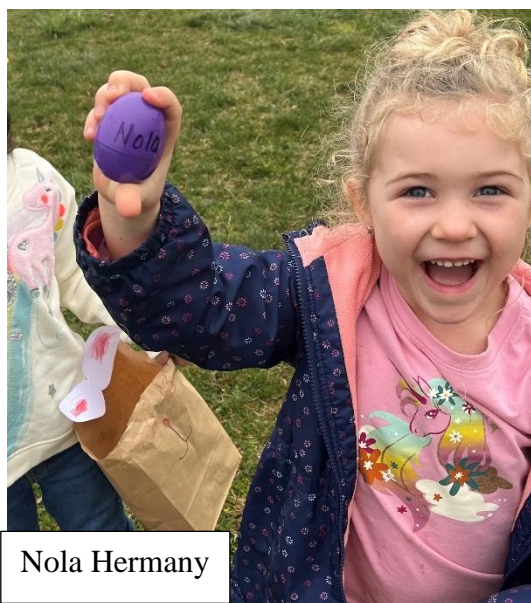
# JACOB'S CHURCH

## LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL 2022-2023



April was a fun preschool month celebrating our Risen Lord and the amazing world he made for us! We explored Pond Life, celebrated Earth Day, and finished learning our ABC's! Next up... Graduation on May 11th!!.

**2022-23 Little Lambs Important Dates**  
Tuesday, May 2nd – Mother's Day Morning  
Thursday, May 11th – Graduation Ceremony



Nola Hermany



Addison Sukanick



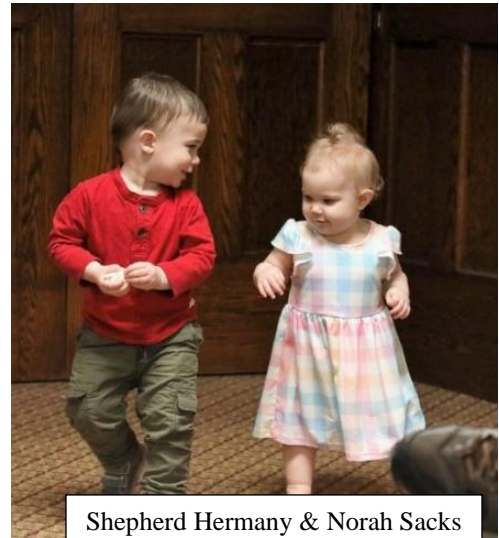
Jack Moyer



# LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!



**PRESS PHOTO COURTESY MARLENE HELLER**  
Attending the Allentown West Rotary Four-Way Test Award ceremony are Ginger Johri (Eli's mother), Louise Hill (Eli's grandmother), Elijah Johri, Lily David, Angela Curry-Minuni, Gail Micca, president of Allentown West Rotary, and Bill Keba, chairman of the 4-Way Test speech contest for the club.



Shepherd Hermany & Norah Sacks



Shepherd Hermany & Rev. Newton



Joan & Curtis Staudt



Rosalie Heiter



Leann Sacks

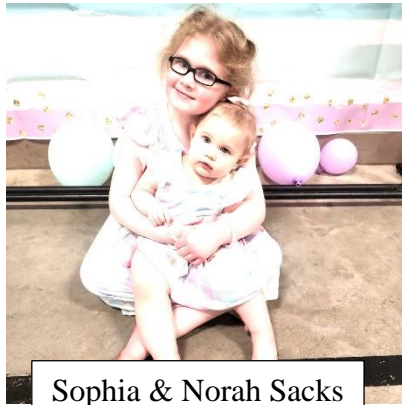


Lucas Sawyer





Autumn Heintzelman & Rosalie Heiter



Sophia & Norah Sacks



Lucas Sawyer, Shelby,  
& Kacie Wessner



Mitch Hosler



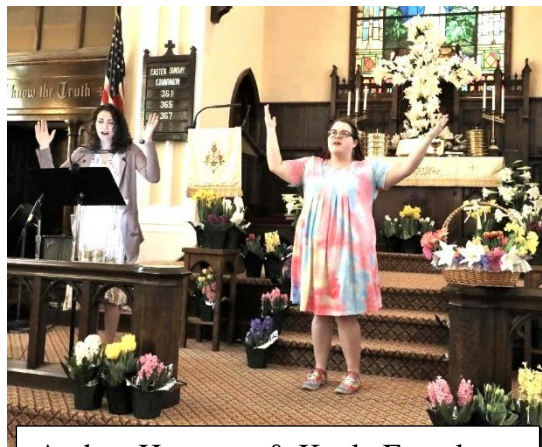
Samuel Sacks &  
Aria Hermany



Dick & Joan Oswald



Jeffrey Dietrich,  
Nola & Aria Hermany



Andrea Hermany & Kayla Fusselman



Gavin Heiter



# Celebrating 100 years!!! Happy Birthday, Hermie



L-R: Roger Snyder, Nancy Gieger, Brenda Williams,  
Dennis Wanamaker, Judith Baer, Cindy Loch  
Seated are sisters, Arlene Snyder, and Hermie Schappell



Hermie (Hamm) Schappell  
Celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Hermie Florence Hamm daughter of Llewellyn A (1896-1982) and Elizabeth “Lizzie” Angelina Kunkle (1897-1978) Hamm. Hermie was born 16 Apr 1923 in Stony Run, PA; confirmed at Jacob’s Union Church on 17 Oct 1937 by the late Rev. Clarence Rahn; married Curtis John Schappell (1920-2000) on 19 Nov 1946 by the late Rev. Clarence Rahn. Hermie and Curtis children are Judith Baer and Cindy Loch

1923-2023



Hermie (Hamm) Schappell with  
Pastor Tad Schlegel



L-R: LeRoy Hahn, Tarissa VanBlargan, Ashley VanBlargan,  
Damien Hahn, Cindy Loch,  
Seated: Tim VanBlargan, Hermie Schappell, Ronald Loch

# THANK YOU!

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

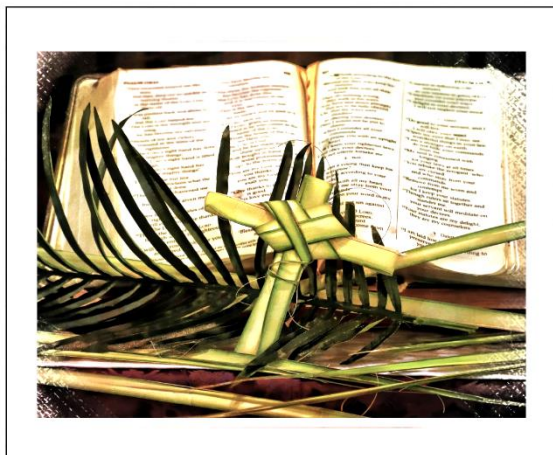


**THANK YOU** – to all who participated in the Good Friday Service held on Friday, April 7th. May the Lord Bless You.



A big shout out to everyone who donated beautifully decorated hard-boiled eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt held Saturday, April 7, 2023. We had lots and lots of eggs, approximately thirty dozen to hide and collect. Thank you to the Special Events Committee, adults and youth who volunteered. God Bless You.

**THANK YOU**  
to the Slatedale-Emerald Area Lions Club, Inc for the generous donation for the Easter Egg Hunt.







**SINCERE APPRECIATION** - to Leann Sacks for painting the wooden blessing eggs for the children at the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Sunday. May the Lord Bless you.

**A SEPCIAL THANK YOU**

is extended to the Jacob's Church Congregation for their donations of Easter Flowers. Thank you to the Jacob's Church Altar Committee for all they do to make the sanctuary beautiful each season and every Sunday. Your job is endless! We appreciate you!



*Dear Church Family -  
Thank you so much for your kind thoughtfulness in sending me flowers to celebrate Resurrection Sunday. I am deeply touched by your warm greetings.  
We look forward to being together soon!  
Warm regards -  
Carla*

Thank you to our Jacob's Church Family, We want to thank you for the prayers and acts of kindness that you have given us at this difficult time. Doris H. (Smith) Weisner Miller (1943-2023) lived a full life loving the Lord and telling many of God's love. We are thankful that God let us have Doris for 79 years! We give thanks that our Lord gave us each of you. You warm our hearts. God Bless you, the Foulk Family

My Jacob's Church Family,  
I have seen a lot of changes in my 100 years! But, here at Jacob's, I can still feel the love for each other! It is overpowering! It was so good to see everyone on my 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Thank you for the birthday wishes! A big thank you to Pastor Tad Schlegel and the congregation for singing happy birthday to me. I had a smile ear to ear! God Bless you one and all.  
Hope to see you next year!  
Many Blessings, Hermie Schappell

“A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”  
John 13:34



# MISSIONS!



To: Jacob's Church

I and my family are very thankful from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity towards us as my daughter was suffering and I did not have any way without prayer, your help made the treatment possible for my daughter Angelina is doing well now. Thank you for everything praying for your family and ministry.

From Neelam, John, and Angelina



Give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus for you.  
I Thessalonians 5:18

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

April 19, 2023

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

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, April 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, starting at 9:30AM and ending approximately at 11:30AM.

The Freedom in Christ Ministry held their meetings on Tuesday, April 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th beginning at 7:00PM.

Men's Prayer Breakfast held their breakfast on Wednesday, April 5th, 12th, 19th, 22nd, and 26th starting at 7:00AM.

Stephen Ministers held their meeting on Thursday, April 20th.

Young Adults Group are holding their meetings at the Schlegel residence.

Kutztown Lady Twirlers held practice sessions on Friday, April 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, starting at 5:30pm and ending approximately at 9:00pm. Their season has ended for the summer.

Private celebration was held on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>; Monday, April 17th. Meetings were held on Monday, April 10th, and Thursday, April 6th.

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

NYAA Volleyball team held a practice on Thursday, April 6th.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held in the church on Saturday, April 1st. Thank you to everyone who assisted. A special thank you to Jacob's Interim Pastor, Rev. Tad. M. Schlegel.

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

God Bless You,  
Faye M Foulk



Faye Foulk, Rachel Roth &  
Autumn Heintzelman

# Jacob's Church Scheduled Activities in Church

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Confirmation 10:15AM Worship Service	8 Jacob's Church Elders Meeting Parish House 7:00PM	9 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM	10 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM	11 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM Preschool Graduation Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	12	13
14 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Confirmation 10:15AM Worship Service Mother's Day	15	16	17	18 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	19	20
21 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Worship Service	22	23	24	25 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	26	27
28 8:45am Cemetery Memorial Service 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Worship Service/Communion	29	30	31	27 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	28	29

# Jacob's Church Tentative Activity Center Schedule

## May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jacob's Church Board Meeting 7:00pm	2 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM-8:30AM Homeschool 1-4pm	4 Stephen Ministers Meeting 9:30AM-12:00PM Homeschool 1-3pm	5	6
7 9:00am Sunday School Private Celebration	8	9 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM-8:30AM Homeschool 1-4pm	11 Homeschool 1-3pm	12	13 Private Celebration
14 9:00am Sunday School	15 Ladies Night Out!	16 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM-8:30AM Homeschool 1-4	18 Stephen Ministers Meeting 9:30AM-12:00PM Homeschool 1-3pm	19	20 Private Celebration
21 9:00am Sunday School Private Celebration 11-3	22	23 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	24 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM-8:30AM Homeschool 1-4pm	25 Homeschool 1-3pm	26	27
28 9:00am Sunday School	29	30 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	31 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM-8:30AM Homeschool 1-4pm			