

† 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” †

Immanuel

The Holiday Season will soon be upon us. I guess you have already begun to plan which family members you will be hosting or whose house you will be traveling to for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Who we are with is of course the great joy of the holidays. I would venture to say that most people would sacrifice all their favorite holiday dishes, decorations, and traditions if they knew such a move would guarantee a chance to be near their dearest ones.

For believers in Jesus, holidays are supposed to be a reminder of what eventually will be our eternal reality. Now our holidays celebrate –in small part– what will ultimately be for us an enduring existence, the Kingdom of God. The prophets imagined this final step in the timeline of God’s metanarrative as a wedding supper, a joyous celebration of our conclusive consummation with our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ. The New Heavens and the New Earth where tears and sorrows are all wiped away. It will be for us an unending string of holidays where we will revel in unbroken joy alongside our choicest friends, neighbors, companions, and family. The chief celebrant at this forever party of course shall be Jesus of Nazareth.

Until that happens, we call Him, “‘Immanuel,’ God with us.” There is a broad bandwidth of thought that goes with the idea of God being with us, but I want to focus on just one aspect of it that seems to get lost in the holidays. The term “Immanuel” coming to us from Matthew’s gospel often gets relegated to the Christmas story only. Matthew quotes Isaiah saying, “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel.” After that, however, our Messiah gets the name “Jesus,” the one given to Joseph of Nazareth in a dream through the angel’s message. Little attention is given in the following narrative to what that name Immanuel means, so we tuck Immanuel into our Christmas songs and cards and give little thought to it for the rest of the year, and that to our detriment.

Each of the gospel writers ends his gospel with a riff on the idea that having visited us in the first Advent Jesus has remained with us and will do so until He comes again in the clouds full of glory. Matthew states this outright when he quotes Jesus after he gave us the Great Commission, “Lo, I will be with you until the end of the age.” Mark tells the women who came to anoint Jesus’s body in the tomb, “He has risen and gone ahead of you into Galilee.” Luke makes the point through the two disciples who were walking toward Emmaus discussing the loss of Jesus on the cross. Jesus joins them and even though they do not recognize it He is there! John tells us how Jesus knew all of Thomas’ weeklong objections to the resurrection after His first meeting with the other ten in the upper room. In other words, Jesus heard everything Thomas said because He was right there the whole time.

What all four gospel writers are trying to say is, “God is with us always in the person of Jesus.” If all four of them are saying that collectively, then it is a very important point for our faith. We walk by faith, not by sight, so we need to know that even though He is unseen Jesus is with us. He is our daily Immanuel; He’s not just a Holiday Season or Christmas Immanuel.

As a pastor, I want to emphasize this point strongly because during the grind of our daily routines, we often can succumb to the lie that somehow God is distant or not paying attention to what is going on in our lives. And He especially wants you to know He is there during the sad times –like the Holiday Seasons when you do not get to be with your friends and family.

I hope this helps cultivate in you a richer prayer and worship life. Jesus of course will come again. But while we are waiting for that He is our Immanuel. ~Soli Deo Gloria~

Pastor Stan Newton



IMPORTANT END OF YEAR DATES

Committee Reports due for Annual Congregational meeting
to Faye Foulk – Sunday, November 5, 2023

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, December 3, 2023

All Church Committees – In order to prepare for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 3, 2023 all Committee Reports are due to Secretary, Faye Foulk on or before Sunday, November 5, 2023. The following committees and ministries need to submit their reports Activity Center Director, Altar Committee, Archives Committee, Choir Director, Christian Education Committee (VBS and Children’s Church), Freedom in Christ Ministry, Jacob’s Church Little Lambs Preschool, Kitchen Committee, Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Mid-Week Bible Study, Missions Committee, Property Committee, Scholarship Committee, Sisters of Esther, Special Events Committee, Stephen Ministry, Women of the Church, and Youth Group. Please submit to secretary@jacobschurch.org. Thank you

❧ Jacobs Church Board Meeting ❧

September 11, 2023

Attendance: Pastor Stan Newton, Youth Minister Will Dellicker, Elders: Ron Belknap and Mike Madtes
 Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Kayla Fusselman, Jared Hermany, Kaitey Sacks, Diane Wertman
 Visitors: Ron Fredrick, Faye Foulk

1. Pastor Stan opened in prayer and devotion.
2. Ron Frederick - Gave a report on safety and security of Jacobs Church Campus.
3. Kaitey made a request to step down from her current position as church board secretary and made a motion for Diane Wertman to be the new secretary and seconded by Kayla. Motion passed. Diane accepted position as new secretary of church board.
4. Budget Report. By a phone conference call, Andrea explained a new document that she created to show different categories of the church's income and expenses.
5. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to accept Treasure's Report as read by Mike Madtes and seconded by Kayla; motion carried.

August 2023 Meeting Balance		\$22,701.66
Income	\$20,689.34	
Transfer from Janney Investments	\$30,000.00	
Expenses	\$48,835.68	
Balance at September 11, 2023 Meeting		\$24,835.68

6. Property Committee Update
 - Church office development. Pastor Stan's new office will be in the church balcony room that was previously utilized by Little Lambs Preschool as their storage and supply room. The preschool is now utilizing the storage room located in the church basement between their two classrooms. Two shelving units were purchased by the church for them to store their supplies more efficiently. Little lambs Preschool was very appreciative of the space offered to them as well as the storage shelves.
 - Heating Oil prepaid for 2024. A suggestion was put forth recommending getting church board approval whenever a large prepay price is needed in the future.
 - HVAC system repair estimated to be \$1500.00
 - Additional estimates to add AC to upstairs of church balcony area \$6500.00.
 - A third quote was received for paving the driveway next to activity center of \$7500.00 and additional paving of driveway to back door of center of \$7500.00. A cement pad also needs to be poured for dumpster.
7. New ESV Bibles will be placed in the pews by IU students on September 19. Old pew bibles that are in good condition will be offered to the Rescue Mission. Church members who would like a bible will also have the opportunity to get one of the old bibles.
8. Music Director and IT Director Positions. No applications were received.
9. Mike reports that the cost of a Triage bag is \$750.00 and made a motion to purchase the bag. Discussion followed and a decision was made to get some more information about the contents and to determine if this bag meets the needs of the church.

New Business

1. Doctrine Committee-newly formed with the stated purpose to look at Jacobs Church Constitution. Members are Pastor Stan Newton, Kevin Dellicker, Mike Bailey, Will Dellicker, and Mike Follweiler.
2. Christian Ed Committee- newly formed with the stated purpose of reviewing all the current educational programs that are offered at Jacobs church and creating new programs for instruction in teaching, discipleship, and mentoring. First training seminar is Friday evening Sept. 15 and Saturday Sept 16 and will be utilizing the book by Dr. Howard Hendricks: Teaching to Change Lives. Pastor Stan will be teaching the seminar. Members are Pastor Stan Newton, Will Dellicker, Kayla Fusselman, Diane Wertman and Jane Wessner.
3. Confirmation Class- starting September 17 and led by Pastor Stan. Children's church still anticipating growth and will be dividing into preschool and school age classes if there are enough children for each class. Jane

continues to review new curriculum. Preparation for the nursery started and will be overseen by Diane Wertman.

4. Youth Minister Update: Report given on activity connections with young adults. Operation Christmas child boxes to be prepared by Will and IU students. Saturday morning men's breakfast started for purpose of mentorship opportunities. Mid-week youth events still in development. Will would like to have a meeting with Northwestern Lehigh sports department and introduce them to FCA.

5. Twin Pine Retreat 11/17-11/19 : planning in process. Details to come.

6. Oyster Supper November 4, 2023. To be advertised on Facebook.

7. Pastor Stan on vacation December 17, 2023. Kevin Dellicker to give the sermon. Ron will coordinate the rest of the service.

8. 2024 Church Budget Meeting tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2023, immediately following church service.

9. Committee Budgets need to be submitted to Andrea by October 15, 2023.

10. Committee Reports need to be given to Faye November 5th, 2023.

11. Correction to August Minutes. Pastor Stan's office to be in the upper room of the balcony area- not in the Wuchter House. A motion to accept August minutes with corrections was made by Kayla and seconded by Mike; motion carried.

12. Next Elder's meeting is September 18th, 2023.

13. Next board meeting will be held October 2nd, 2023.

14. Pastor Stan closed in prayer.

15. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jared and seconded by Mike; motion carried.

Recorded and submitted by Diane Wertman

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, November 6, 2023.

Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, November 13, 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 September 2023:

September 3	\$5,000.00
September 10	\$5,772.00
September 17	\$4,369.00
September 24	\$4,252.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-September	\$177,489.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-September	\$184,288.34
Surplus for September 2023	\$ 6,799.34

✠ **Jacob's Church Commitments for November** ✠
 ✠ **THANK YOU FOR SERVING!** ✠

Flowers for November

November 5 In memory of Thomas Leiser – Donna Leiser

November 12 Happy Birthday Izzy – Jim and Rose Moyer

November 19 In memory of Fathers, Rollo Kelly and James Manwiller
 – Michael and Melinda Kelly

November 26 Altar Committee

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!

**November Acolyte
 Rosalie Heiter**

Puppet Ministry

Sunday, November 12, 2023
 Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer
Sunday, November 26, 2023
 Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald

Greeters/Ushers for November

November 5 Jacob's Church Board

November 12 Rev. Scott and Donna Shay
 Richard and Joan Oswald

November 19 Jim and Rose Moyer
 Bruce Dietrich and Gary Krick

November 26 Michael and Vikki Stoss
 Faye Foulk and LeAnn Shoemaker

Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

**Scripture Readers for
 November**

November 5 Carol Rassler

November 12 Cindy Kuhns

November 19 Janine Oplinger

November 26 Corinne Bast

◆Membership News◆

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

Jonathan and Jodi Beck
Edward Jr. and Denise Gawelko
Terrance and Barbara Hermany
Bradley and Heather Klitsch
Taylor and Chris Rauch
Dennis and Leann Shoemaker
Timothy Sr. and Mary Van Blargan



HAPPY
Anniversary



“The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”
Numbers 6:24-26



☞ 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 Seth and Briana (Fusselman) Winters!

Their bundle of joy, Jasper Allen Winters, arrived a few weeks early on Thursday, September 21, 2023; Jasper weighed three pounds-twelve ounces, and 16.25 inches long. Jasper's siblings, Stephenie, Brayden, and Rory cannot wait to play with him. Jasper's Aunt Kayla, Uncle Nick, Uncle Riley, Aunt Katie, and cousin, Lincoln are excited for many sleepovers, and his maternal grandfather, Brian Fusselman can't wait to relax and cuddle the newest addition to their

family. Congratulations and many blessings from your Jacob's Church Family!



Congratulations to Donnie and Blaise (Mannino) Malloy! Their bundle of joy, Ivory Sue Malloy, was born on Monday, October 2, 2023; Ivory weighed eight pounds-ten ounces at birth. Ivory's older sibling, Australia is enjoying special times with her sister. Maternal grandmother, Sue (Rauch) Mannino treasures each precious moment with her ninth grandchild. The new addition to this family tree joins her cousins: Kinsley, Cora, and Ryland Croshaw, Noelle, Alexandria, Quincy,

and Victoria Rauch-Mannino. The Rauch-Mannino clan is well represented at Jacob's, the matriarch of the family, Shirley Rauch was very active in the Women's Group at Jacob's. Ivory will have many sleepover options between Uncle Ned, Aunt Stephanie's house, Uncle Adam, Aunt Sayward's house, and Uncle Justice's house, and many joyful times with her many Great Uncles and Great Aunts.

Congratulations and many blessings from your Jacob's Church Family!



Marriage...

*“So, they are no longer two, but one flesh,
Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”
Matthew 19:6*



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Benjamin Eli Zoghby and Erin Elizabeth Cribbs, who were united in holy matrimony on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, PA with Jacob’s Church Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Scott L. Shay officiating the ceremony. Ben is the son of David and Pam (Rauch) Zoghby. Erin is the daughter of Bill and Deb Cribbs. May God’s Blessings be upon Ben and Erin.

*“Two are better than one, because they have a
good return for their labor; If either of them falls
down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone
who falls and has no one to help them up.”
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

Wedding Vow Renewal...

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

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Nicholas Allen Schaeffer and Kayla Louise Fusselman, who rededicated themselves to each other on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at Jacob’s Church with Rev. Tad M. Schlegel officiating. Nicholas is the son of Thomas Schaeffer, Susan and Robert Jones. Kayla is the daughter of Brian Fusselman and the late Diane Fusselman. May God’s Blessings be upon Nicholas and Kayla.



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 Arlene Mabel (Hamm) Snyder, who entered eternal rest on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at the age of 98-5-19. Arlene is the daughter of the late Llewellyn A. (1896-1982) and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Angelina Kunkel (1897-1978) Hamm, she was born in Lynnport, PA on April 28, 1925, baptized at Jacob's Union Church on June 18, 1925 by the late Rev. Alfred O. Ebert; confirmed also at Jacob's Union Church on October 15, 1939 by the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. Arlene married Carl G. Snyder (1921-2016) on November 26, 1942 officiated by the late Rev. Thomas Bachman. Arlene is survived by her sister, Hermie Florence (Hamm) Schappell, her nieces Judith A. (Schappel) Baer and Cindy A. (Schappel) Loch (Ronald), and their families. Many of Arlene's family members are resting in Jacobs Union Cemetery. Please keep the Snyder 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 Timothy J. Betz, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the age of 76-10-16. Tim is the husband of Irene M. (Smith) Betz, sister of Faye M. (Smith) Foulk (Tom). Tim is survived by his wife, Irene, children, Scott, Michelle (Joby), Erica (Mike), grandchildren, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Tyler, and Jaxson. Tim is also survived by several nieces and nephews, Tom, Trevor, Andrew, Aaron and Austin Foulk, member of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Betz family in your prayers. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from the Jacob's Church Family.

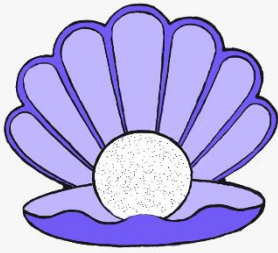
Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Warren E. Hollinger, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the age of 70-10-4. Warren was a self-employed farmer in the Kempton area since 1986, his fantastic farmhand and adopted son, Levi Veppert, is dear to him and a member of our Jacob's Church Family. Warren's service was held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at the Nester Funeral Home with Rev. Stanley C. Newton officiating. Please keep the Hollinger family in your prayers. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from the Jacob's Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

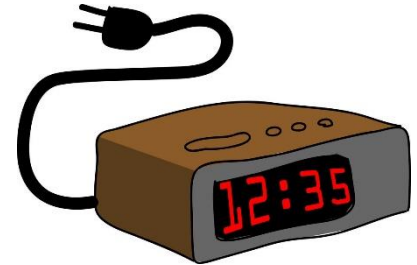
May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Hermie Florence (Hamm) Schappell, who entered eternal rest on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the age of 100-6-6. Hermie is the wife of the late Curits John Schappell (1920-2000), whom she married on November 19, 1946 with the late Rev. Clarence R. Hahn officiating the union. Hermie is the daughter of the late Llewellyn A. (1896-1982) and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Angelina Kunkel (1897-1978) Hamm, she was born on April 16, 1923 in Stony Run PA, confirmed on October 17, 1937 at Jacob's Union Church by the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. Hermie's sister, Arlene Mabel (Hamm) Snyder passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. Hermie is survived by her daughters, Judith A. (Schappell) Baer and Cindy A. (Schappell) Loch (Ronald); her grandchildren, Kerry, Timothy, Tarissa; her great-grandchildren, Damien and LeRoy. Services were held on Friday, October 27th in Nester's Funeral Home with interment in the Jacobs Union Cemetery, Rev Stanley Newton and Pastor Emeritus Rev. Scott L. Shay officiated. Many of Hermie's family members are resting in Jacobs Union Cemetery. Please keep the Schappell family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from the Jacob's Church Family.

☯ November Happenings at Jacob's Church ☯



Oyster Supper – Saturday, November 4th, serving 3:00pm to 7:00pm in the Activity Center. Lots of help is needed to make this event successful. Please consider helping Friday, November 3rd and /or Saturday, November 4th. Please reach out to Ron Smith (610.298.3405)

Daylight Saving Time Ends – Before you retire for the evening on Saturday, November 4th, remember to turn your clocks back one hour, otherwise on Sunday, November 5th you will be at Church School and Family Worship an hour too early!



Communion will be served on Sunday, November 5, 2023 during the 10:15am worship service. “Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe” John 6:33-38

All Saints Sunday – November 5, 2023 – During the worship service, Jacob's Church remembers our love ones who entered into eternal rest since October 2022:

Eva Jane (Hemerly) Kunkel (July 16, 1930 – November 13, 2022)

Joseph David Feinour (October 12, 1946 – February 5, 2023)

Mae A. (Shollenberger) Kunkel (February 11, 1941 – February 11, 2023)

Russell Edgar Fetherolf (January 15, 1952 – May 30, 2023)

Jeffrey C. Peter (January 27, 1953 – August 2, 2023)

Edgar H. Snyder (July 2, 1941 – August 10, 2023)

Lester Ray Backenstoos (August 23, 1933 – September 6, 2023)

Hermie Florence (Hamm) Schappell (April 16, 1923 – October 22, 2023)



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, November 2nd and Thursday, November 16th.

International Day of Prayer is observed on Sunday, November 12th. Every year churches come together on IDOP Sunday to lift up the persecuted church. Please take the time to pray for our brothers, and sisters who follow Jesus where faith costs the most.



Christmas Poinsettias – Please consider purchasing **RED** poinsettia plants to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service. Each plant is \$10.00, and can be picked up after the service. Deadline to order is November 19th. Please use the sign-up sheet in the church parlor, fill out the order envelope, and put it in the decorated box on the table. FMI, please contact Pam Zoghy (610.298.3002). Thank you!

Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry please pick up a shoebox in the church sanctuary, fill it up with fun stuff, and bring back to church by Sunday, November 12, 2023. If you prefer, you may place a monetary gift in the offering plate in an envelope marked OCC. Thank you for your generous participation!



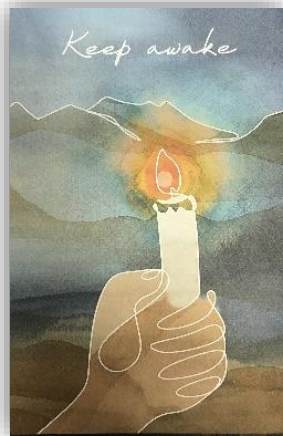
2023 Twin Pines Adult Retreat – “Cuddling with the Covenants” – Friday, November 17th – Sunday November 19th. \$80.00 per person. Sign up on appropriate sheet posted in the church parlor area to attend. This will truly be a wonderful blessing!

Thanksgiving Eve Annual Service will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00pm. Plan to attend this uplifting service of expressing our thanks to our Heavenly Father, who has provided us with such abundance in our lives.



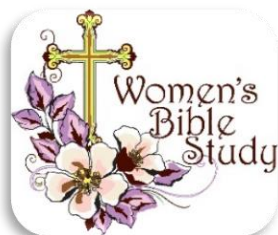
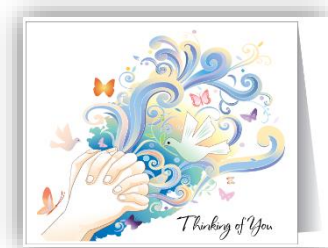
Happy Thanksgiving! Thursday, November 23, 2023

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching, and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:16



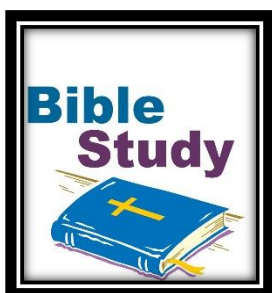
Advent Season is a somber time of personal reflection, hope, and longing, and joyful expectation for the coming of Jesus. Please join us each Sunday of Advent as we light the Prophet’s Candle, the Candle of John the Baptist, the Shepherd’s Candle, Mary’s Candle, and the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve,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

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 Louise Hill (610.573.1977) or 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. All voices are welcome!

Ladies Night Out! will be held on Monday, November 20th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. Preparing Christmas gifts for the shut-ins! Come and be blessed! FMI, please contact Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567).



IMPACT – will be held first (11/4) and third (11/18) 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).

Jacob's Church Altar Committee will decorate for Advent on Friday, November 24th.



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.



Lord, we pray that you would open our eyes to see the needs of veterans in our communities. Open our mouths to uplift our veterans with honor and kindness. Thank you God for the service of our veterans alive today, and who live on in memory. Hear our prayer. Amen.



2023 Christmas Card Exchange

Beginning Sunday, November 26, 2023, and ending 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 ☜



Thank you to Lynnport Fire Co., Cetrionia Ambulance, and Pennsylvania State Police for coming to teach us about Fire Safety, and Emergencies! October has been a fun month in preschool with lots of fall activities, and "Falling in Love with Jesus"!!



☞ Look Who Is In The News! ☛



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Gracie Scheffler holed out from 85 yards for birdie on her 15th hole Tuesday. She is one of three Northwestern Lehigh girls who advanced to next week's District 11 Championships.



PRESS PHOTOS BY ANNA GILGOFF

A table brimming with seasonal favorites drew customers to Cindy Christman's stand.

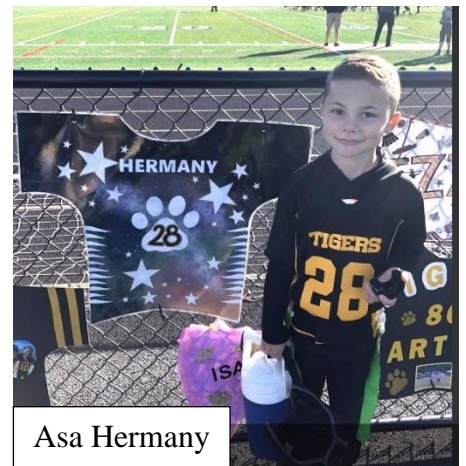


"We also grow vegetable and herb starter plants and sell them at the Mill in Germansville," said Teena Bailey from Red Cat Farms.

New Tripoli: Brandon Batres, Kristy Billig, magna cum laude, Kelly Boyle, Bryanna Broadhead, cum laude, Lindsey Buskirk, Logan Dickman, Rachel Eck, Brandi Feinour, Ashley Grosch, Erin Hopstetter, Jalissa Molina, Donovan Muick, Becky Perich, Dana Rucker, Madison Santana, cum laude, Alexander Smith, magna cum laude and Morgan Werley, magna cum laude.



Carter Foulk



Asa Hermany



PRESS PHOTO BY ANNA GILGOFF

Andrew Sawyer stood in for his father. "It's definitely an honor to be here to represent him." Bill Dellicker read his letter of commendation.



Bryce Foulk & Melanie Schmidt



Andrew Sawyer & Cody Utt

☞ Thank You! ☛

Thanksgiving Prayer

Loving and eternal God, you watch over your children, with your tender and loving care. I thank you this day for your mercy and grace. I am grateful for your healing power, and for the abundant blessings you have given me. But most of all, I am thankful for the promise of salvation, given through your Son, our Lord. Through him, when all is completed, there will be no more sickness or pain. I pray in his name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Dear Scholarship Committee,
I wanted to express my deepest gratitude for once again selecting me to receive money again. It is such a blessing that each year you support me in my academic endeavors.
It means so much to me.
Thank you, Jake Dellicker

Thank you to all our family, friends, and church family for the wonderful 50th Anniversary Blessings! We will cherish our memories of the wonderful surprise celebration that commemorated us reaching our 50th Wedding Anniversary!
God Bless You All for Blessing Us!
You all hold a special place in our Hearts
– Believe It!
Gary and Carolyn Krick



Veterans Day – Saturday, November 11, 2023

Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Thank you, Lord... Amen...God Bless Our Veterans.



✪ Missions! ✪

OCTOBER 2023 BARNABAS BENEFIT UPDATE

Our leaders continue to face increasing hardships. Two young twenty-something leaders are experiencing cancer; one breast cancer and one throat cancer. One leader was beaten and is hospitalized and others had their homes and churches destroyed. One marauding band of Indian radicals even went on a rampage into Nepal. The flooding and natural disasters have been unusually severe and brought about near fatal poisonous snake and spider bites. One area that it isn't safe for me has had severe oppression and mobile phone and internet service severed. I have only spiritic contact when they go to another state to buy food. The Myanmar military continues to bomb and burn the "rebel" Chin tribe Christians.

In spite of all that, thanks to your prayers and giving, there are more great things to report than I can begin to fit on this sheet. Many are being inspired to being involved through your word-of-mouth endorsements and some opportunities to share with individuals, families and groups. One amazing young lady whose family previously sponsored a borewell in India decided to have her family and friends contribute what would have been her ninth birthday funds to Barnabas Benefit. Those funds provided pencils and books for the poorest children in the slums of Tuni, India and some lifesaving treatment for some children bitten by a poisonous snake(s) in the northern tea gardens. Multiple desperately needed tribal village borewells have been sponsored to honor friends and recently departed loved ones. Other give from unexpected "windfalls" and/or tax refunds. One friend who is a professional speaker donated the proceeds of an engagement to Barnabas Benefit and another worthy cause. Several people now give on a consistent basis in addition to their other giving. Please know that many you'll never meet here on earth have been blessed and are praying for you.

In spite of our leaders previously mentioned hardships, they are more determined and have continued to touch more lives than ever before. Their ingenuity and accomplishments with God's help are utterly amazing. One ask that we purchase borewell drilling equipment so their people could do the wells. (in an area with good soil and few rocks). We did and they went to 16 villages drilling as they went. Others still need professionals. We are encouraging teaching on Biblical finances and are successfully having villagers raise money and contribute toward their own projects. (so far about 8%-20%) Eight villages are presently collecting funds toward borewells. (selling eggs & fish, chopping and selling wood; even doweries)

There continues to be a stronger demand for microloans than we can supply. We've had much success and some of the microloan projects have "matured" into thriving enterprises especially in Nepal. Pictures are attached of two ladies who grew two goats and a few chickens into big successes. A friend recently visited another group in Sikkim that over the years has grown into a three-vehicle taxi company. We have successfully connected several to banks, too. A former home economics instructor funded several sewing machine ventures; some for single mothers to feed their children and one for a poor medical missionary Doctor's wife to sew and repair clothing for their charitable work with the indigent tribal people on the Bhutan border.

Many are being baptized. One formerly Muslim friend in the holiest Ganges River Hindu city of Varanasi that I met in 2016 has multiple house churches and baptizes weekly. (I can't successfully have Bibles shipped there) I could continue, but hope this gives you some idea of how your prayers and giving are increasingly touching lives amidst growing persecution and new anti-conversion laws and sentiment. All "good deeds" are now suspect. Thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement and support for Barnabas Benefit and Natalie's lung cancer recovery journey (cancer free!).

Blessings, John (and of course Natalie)



UNITE PHILLY



Kirk Hall, before and at the first West Philly worship service

Welcoming International Students and gathering ideas from neighbors ↗

October 2023

Kirk Hall

During the start of the Omicron wave, it was obvious that there was going to be an extended season where making new connections, planning for outreaches, or hosting events would be impossible. I (Dave) took this opportunity to start activating Woodland's fellowship hall, called Kirk Hall. I was not prepared for how much work it would entail or how amazing the results would be.

Before I could organize volunteers or hire professionals, there were a number of steps I had to do on my own. In the 2k sq ft hall from 1891, I had to determine what was worth keeping. The carpet and drop ceiling certainly did not make the cut. After that, came a design phase, volunteers disposing of what was no longer useful, and bringing in contractors to transform the hall as well as the ancient kitchen. Anyone who has known the space in the past gives what I call "Fixer Upper Face" as they first see the new Kirk Hall.

Having a second, larger space in the ministry center at Woodland permits events that we could not in the smaller Annex or the Lawn when weather permits. The Cru campus ministries across the city held a joint weekly meeting where they could be encouraged by what they are seeing God do at each of their schools.

Meanwhile, the ministry to international students has expanded their weekly dinner and Bible discussion from a house to Kirk Hall. Before, they would have to cap how many students who could attend, but that is no longer a concern!

To connect with neighbors, we hosted an open house, asking what'd like to see in the space. Local leaders, including a former mayor and a VP at Penn have already come through. The local historical society asked to use the space to kickoff a walking tour of homes in Spruce Hill.

Most importantly, the space is now able to be utilized for regular worship. Whether it is international students coming for discussions about the Bible or long time neighbors using our space for community events, it's exciting that many are coming through our doors, establishing relationships with followers of Jesus, and are being invited back for worship.

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Mid-vacation Panama updates.

Hi everyone. I hope your day is blessed beyond your wildest dreams.

All is going well here, between doctor visits, meals, speaking in churches and in homes. I am looking forward to the upcoming meals, churches and repeating the stories of the happenings in Panama.

The top story is about 11-year-old Eysbel that most of you know about. After a year of trying to get her the operation she needs through the free hospitals in Panama, and then trying the 'pay' hospitals, we are heading to Cali, Columbia to repair her esophagus. There have been roadblocks and blessings along the way.

The hospital in Columbia is the 4th ranked hospital in Latin America and I know other people who go there for surgery with excellent results. This is really good news for Eysbel, as she told me before leaving for vacation that 'until she met me, she thought she would have the feeding tube in her the rest of her life'. I won't let that happen to this girl that calls me 'dad'. The hospital costs there are about ¼ of what they are in the states.

I have ZERO doubt that God will raise up the support we need to have the operation. I won't have a price till after the exams in December, which are already paid for. Right now, I have all my eggs in one basket, so to speak.

Other than that, the 6 churches are keeping me busy, along with the 20 orphans and a few projects. December looks like it will have 14 church services! All good. All for Jesus.

Hope to see most of you this trip, either in church or in your home sharing what God is doing in Panama.

God bless you in advance.

Bob Moyer



JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

October 26, 2023

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

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st; starting at 9:30am and ending approximately at 11:30am.

Men's Prayer Bible Study Breakfast gathered together on Wednesday, September 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th at 7:00am.

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, October 5th, and Thursday, October 19th.

Crossroads Community Homeschool uses the center Wednesday afternoons.

Kutztown Lady Twirlers held practices on Friday, October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th.

Men's IMPACT group used the center on Saturday, October 7th, and Saturday, October 21st.

Private Celebrations were held on Sunday, October 1st, Sunday, October 8th, Tuesday, October 17th, Saturday, October 21st, Tuesday, October 24th, Thursday, October 26th, Friday, October 27th, Saturday, October 28th, Monday, October 30 a luncheon was served after the funeral service of Timothy J. Betz. Thank you Ladies of Jacob's.

Family basketball practice was held on Saturday, October 14th.

God Bless You,
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Jacob's Church Activity Center Schedule November 2023

			1 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7-8:30am Homeschool 1-3pm	2 Stephen Ministers 9:30-12:00pm Homeschool 1-3pm	3 Oyster Supper TWIRLERS 5-9	4 IMPACT 7:30-8:30am Oyster Supper 8am-9pm
5 9:00am Sunday School	6 7:00pm Church Board Meeting	7 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am	8 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7-8:30am Homeschool 1-3pm	9 Homeschool 10am-12pm	10 TWIRLERS 5-9	11
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