+ 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 **+**

I Believe...and Things Got Better

I have enjoyed preaching through the Apostle's Creed. The "I Believe" series has been from my perspective a phenomenal success, and the success can all be attributed to the growing beliefs of Jacobs. As I write this, we still have three Sundays to go but the feedback has been so positive I felt it necessary to share a bit of it with everyone.

Before I share, however, I need to say this again, "Great sermons require great congregations." Often when people stop me and thank me for the sermon, I feel compelled to say that Jacobs is a delightful congregation to preach to; I am always particularly energized and excited in my studies and preparation during the week because I know people are hungry for God's Word and leaning in and listening well.

So, here's some of the feedback I have received from people in no particular order of importance. I am typing as things come to mind:

Many have enjoyed the bits of historical knowledge that come with knowing and studying the Creeds. For example, the Great Schism of 1054 AD occurred when the now Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches argued over which bishop should be preeminent throughout Christendom (the bishop in Rome started it). The current expression of both of those denominations is different from what they were then; back then they were much more gospel centered, unified, and similar. On

both sides, there were cooler heads who sought unity, but they did not prevail. It was a handful of leaders whose personal inclinations and visions of power, not conciliatory Holy Spirit dependent faith, who divided the body. When we say "I Believe" we are saying we must be vigilant in maintaining bonds of peace, *especially when* we share differences of opinions!

Next, many have enjoyed seeing the difference between the Creeds and the Scriptures. It is tradition to recite the Creeds, but the Apostles Creed is only a summary of what the Bible says. The Creeds do not say –or claim to say– everything we need to know; nor are the Creeds worded inerrantly like our Bibles are. They are teaching tools. In the Creed we say, "I Believe...Jesus descended into hell for three days." The Bible never says that. The wording of the Creed is not wrong, however, because "descended into hell for three days" was the way those who hammered out the wording of the Creed were saying *Jesus fully embraced death when He sacrificed Himself on the cross for us.* He fully embraced death for us so in turn He could offer us a full and richly textured resurrected life. This "We Believe..." and should enjoy daily as we search the Scriptures together to find the many great promises left for us to discover and pursue!

Finally, people have really gotten onto the "grace in all areas of my life" teaching. The fact that Jesus entered our world, suffered, and was crucified under Pontius Pilate is a historical reality. That means our lives in time (here now in the 21st Century) have meaning and purpose, even those moments in our lives of intense suffering. Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit and birth from a virgin means He is both fully human and fully divine. God is expressing through Jesus that it is possible for our lives to be fully directed under the covenantal promises of God which are ours by faith. We can faithfully live out the wonders of the divinely designed Heaven & Human partnership in our homes, our communities, and our church if "We Believe…in the Holy Spirit" who qualifies us and strengthens us to say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." *SOLI DEO GLORIA*

Pastor Stanley C. Newton



IMPORTANT END OF YEAR DATES

Committee Reports due for Annual Congregational meeting to Faye Foulk ~ Sunday, November 17, 2024

All Church Committees – In order to prepare for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 1, 2024 all Committee Reports are due to Secretary, Faye Foulk on or before Sunday, November 17, 2024. The following committees and ministries need to submit their reports Activity Center Director, Altar Committee, Archives Committee, Christian Education Committee (Youth Minister, Children's Minister, and Children's Church), Jacob's Church Little Lambs Preschool, Kitchen Committee, Mid-Week Prayer/Bible Study, Missions Committee, Organist/Choir Director, Property Committee, Scholarship Committee, Sisters of Esther, Special Events Committee, Stephen Ministry, and Women of the Church. Please submit to <u>secretary@jacobschurch.org</u>. Thank you

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, December 1, 2024 immediately following the worship service. A copy of the 2025 proposed budget will be available for pickup two weeks prior to meeting in the parlor area, Please pickup your copy at your convenience. If church services on Sunday, December 1st are cancelled due to inclement weather or lack of quorum, the annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024. If postponed on December 8th, meeting will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024.

The Jacob's Church Board proposes to shift \$2,500.00 of the Missions Budget from two Missions listed on the Budget to other Missions listed.

Please plan on attending the annual congregational meeting. Your vote is needed!

AGENDA Review and approval of the 2025 Church Budget Adjustment of the 2024 Missions Budget Election of Church Board Members One Deacon and One Elder

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



Jacob's Church Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024

Present: Pastor Stan Newton, Elder Mike Follweiler, Elder Mike Madtes, Absent: Dave Zoghby Deacons: Mike Bailey, Tom Foulk, Kayla Fusselman, Kaitey Sacks, Ed Sawyer, Diane Wertman Visitor: Jared Hermany

1. Pastor Stan opened with a devotion on Proverbs 14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, but the folly of fools is deceit. Asking the questions to ponder: What are the decisions that led to who I am? What are the decisions that led Jacob's Church to where we are today?

2. The August Treasurer report was reviewed and a motion to accept the report was given by Kayla and seconded by Mike M. Motion carried.

Total Income for August	\$59,775.97
Total Expense for August	\$28,897.64
Net Profit	\$30,878.64
Less restricted income	\$33,809.51
Add restricted income.	\$300.00
Net unrestricted profit/(loss)	(\$2,630.87)*

*Note: Net Unrestricted Profit (Loss) represents the profit(loss) of the General Fund excluding any Unrealized Gaines (Losses).

3. Minutes for the September Board Meeting were reviewed for accuracy. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kayla and 2nd by Kaitey. Motion carried.

4. Sound System Update: Jared Hermany met and obtained a second opinion on our sound system by a company called Event Staging. Their evaluation of our sound system also confirmed the first opinion given by ESG (Entertainment Service Group) that our main speaker is not functioning correctly and needs to be replaced. The verbal quote from Events Staging is very similar to ESG. Both Companies have offered to provide a speaker demonstration to committee and board members. The Church Board will make a decision to move forward once a formal quote is obtained from Event Staging. Additional concerns involving monitors and the positioning of the overhead microphone for the choir were also discussed.

Old Business

Missions: The Mission's committee is requesting the elders to determine a set amount for spending on missions for 2025.

New Members Class: Three people have requested to join the Church. Classes will start September 15th.

Catechism Class: A luncheon for 5 youth and their families was held Sept 7th. ESV Study Bibles will be given to each child. Classes will start Sept 15th at 9am Sunday Mornings in the church basement.

Finance Committee: Budget meeting to be held in October. Date to be announced. No update on envelope mailing list.

Property Committee:

Organ Repair: Organ repair project not completed yet. Insurance is covering most of costs. Oil and Propane: A contract was made with Countryside Fuel. Furnaces scheduled for cleaning this fall.

Fox Property: no update.

Wuchter House: Tom Foulk and several youth have helped to make repairs.

Christian Ed Committee:

<u>Children's Church</u> has approx. 11 children in attendance and is divided into 2 classes to accommodate age ranges K- 5th. Coordinator of this program is Jane Wessner. There are several teachers as well as helpers that will alternate through the year. Curriculum utilized is Bible Studies for Life by Lifeway. Jane is tentatively planning a picnic for the children and their parents at Leaser Lake sometime this fall. More details to come.

<u>Adult Retreat</u> scheduled for November 8th-10th, 2024; theme is Sermon on the Mount. More information and sign-up sheet for teaching opportunity and attendance to be posted soon. Mike Follweiler will give the sermon in church on November 10th.

<u>Children's Ministry</u>: Coordinator Kayla Fusselman has started a fun time event for children in the New Tripoli community ages K-5th grade. The first event held in August had 6 children participate. She will reach out to families of Little Lambs to connect with older siblings that may be interested in attending. Information and registration can be found on church website. Contact Kayla via email <u>kemptoncountry@gmail.com</u>. Next event is scheduled for September 15th 2-5pm.

Youth Minister: Will Dellicker will be returning to the U.S. from his tour of duty in October. Date to return to Jacob's is not known at this time but anticipate shortly after debriefing from service.

Music Committee: praying for Melinda Kelly's heart condition.

Mission's Committee: Bob Moyer will present a mission update in church on Sept 15th. A social time is planned for after the service to greet Bob. The Mission's Outreach Committee has been meeting several times since August. The committee comprises of nine members. They are working towards strengthening the work of the Jacob's Church by supporting those missions who most closely have the goal of evangelism, discipleship and growing new churches. Contact Diane Wertman for questions. 484-330-1033

Special Events: Monday night ladies out meetings Sept 16th at 7 pm.

<u>Mission Crafters</u>: New offering by Linda Besch called Mission Crafters. Learn crafts to supply Jacob's church many programs and events. The first event will be held Sept 26th 9:30am - 11:30 am. Contact Linda at 484-707-0877 for any questions.

Doctrine Committee: Plans to explore ways to improve communication with current membership especially those who have moved and have not provided a forwarding mailing address or phone number. Annual congregational meetings are dependent on having a certain percentage of total membership (quorum) present in order to hold a meeting. Difficulty in assuring a quorum may arise in the future when people have moved or have joined other churches, and their name is still listed as a member of Jacob's Church.

Elders also planning to lead a biblical teaching on the Doctrine of Baptism.

Cemetery Association: Tom Foulk serves on this committee and informed us that mounds of dirt previously placed after graves have been dug, have been removed from the cemetery proper which will facilitate grass mowing.

New Business

Pastor Stan will be out of town Nov 17th - 20th. Kevin Dellicker will be preaching on Sunday. A Thanksgiving church potluck dinner is being planned for November 24th after the church service.

New Fee Schedule to be determined for the Activity Center.

Volunteer T-Shirts: A motion was made by Ed Sawyer to purchase additional volunteer t-shirts. Mike Madtes 2nd. Motion Carried. Volunteers will wear their shirts at the Oyster Supper to be held on Saturday Nov. 2nd.

New Jacob's Church Brochure was presented to the board. Motion was made by Kayla to approve the brochure and Ed seconded. Motion carried.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes have requested to use the Activity Center on Tuesday evenings. We are very happy to have them.

Next Elders Meeting: Sept. 16th at 7 pm. Next Church Board Meeting: October 7th at 7 pm.

Surplus for September 2024

Motion to Adjourn made by Kayla and 2nd by Kaitev. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Wertman, Church Board Secretary

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, November 4, 2024. Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, November 11, 2024.

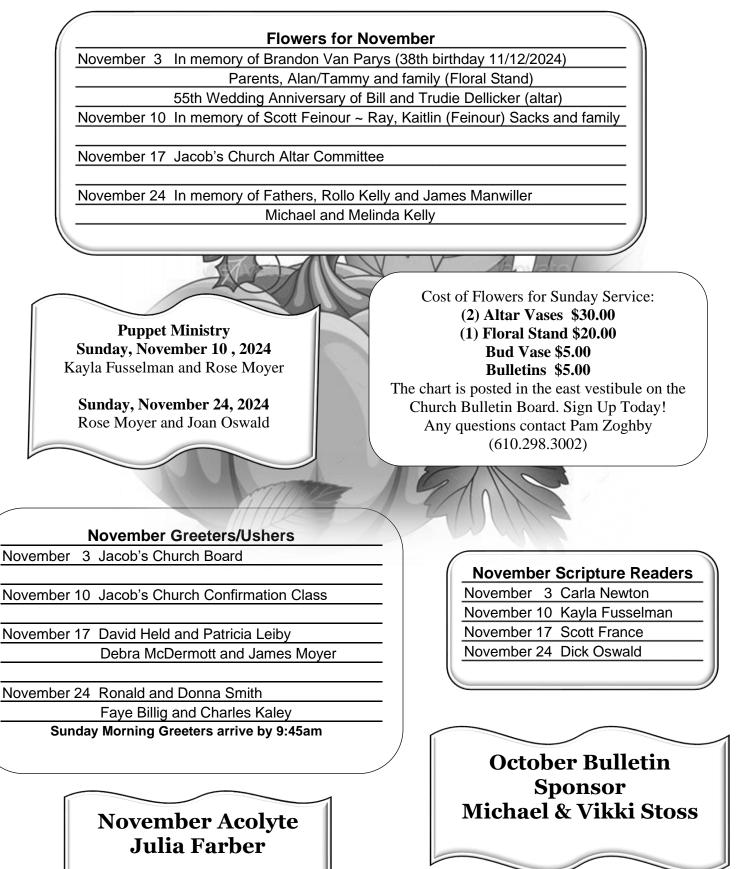
At our December 3, 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$5,351.00 per week in order to meet our 2024 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in September 2024:

September 1	\$7,813.90)
September 8	\$5,640.90)
September 15	\$3,268.90)
September 22	\$5,953.90)
September 29	\$5,107.90)
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January Actual Tithes and Offerings for January		\$208,689 \$224,720

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Online Giving!

Jacob's Church offers the option to give securely online. You can opt to give by ACH or credit card on a one time or recurring basis. To sign up visit: https://jacobschurch.org/give Contact Kelly Mease at treasurer@jacobschurch.org for more information or if you have questions.



♦Membership News**♦**

✤ 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

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

> Jonathan and Jodi Beck Bill and Trudie Dellicker Edward and Denise Gawelko Terrance and Barbara Hermany Bradley and Heather Klitsch Dennis and Leann Shoemaker Timothy Sr and Mary Van Blargan





Arriage of..."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 Michael Warren Steckel and Megan Elizabeth Witt, who were united in holy matrimony on Friday, October 11, 2024 at Domaine Pterion Vineyard and Winery, Macungie, PA, Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor Emeritus of Jacob's Church officiated the union. May God's Blessings be upon Mike and Megan.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Brett Michael Knauss and Sarah Noelle Lauer, who were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Jacob's Church, New Tripoli, Rev. Stanley C. Newton officiated the union. May God's Blessings be upon Brett and Sarah Knauss.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Robet Scott Schoeniger and Jill Mary Hagler, who were united in holy matrimony on Friday, October 25, 2024 at Jacob's Church, New Tripoli, Rev. Stanley C. Newton officiated the union. May God's Blessings be upon Scott and Jill.

† 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 Esther M. (nee Kaley) Moyer, who entered eternal rest on Monday, September 30, 2024 at the age of 89-10-21. Esther was born in Windsor Township the daughter of the late Samuel J. and Elsie M. (Wink) Kaley. She was the widow of Paul S. Moyer, who passed away on May 3, 2021. Esther is survived by her brother, Charles Samuel Kaley, a member of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Moyer and Kaley families in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Betty Mae (nee Hartman) Anicola, who entered eternal rest on Monday, October 14, 2024 at the age of 91-4-27. Betty was the daughter of the late Paul Oliver (1901-1939) Hartman and Ellen F. nee Hartman (1917-2015) Hartman Reppert. Betty was born on 18 May 1933, Lynnville PA baptized on 10 July 1933 sacrament was officiated by the late Rev. Clarence Rahn at Jacob's Union Church. Betty is survived by her Aunt Joyce (Hartman) Sacks and family. Funeral service was held on Friday, October 18, 2024 with interment in Jacobs Union Cemetery, Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastore Emeritus of Jacob's Church officiated. Please keep the Anicola family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.



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. With grateful hearts, we ask you to remember the bright souls of those who gave their lives, and to place your protective hand on those who continue to serve. Thank you for your blessings each and every day. Amen.

> Veteran's Day 9 Monday, November 11, 2024

♦ Choir Corner by Melinda Kelly ♦

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Psalm 98:4 - 6

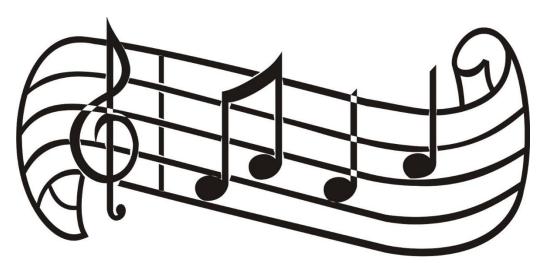
If you are interested in singing with the choir for just two months, please consider joining us for the months of November and December to sing anthems for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:15. Please let me know if you are interested and I will prepare a folder of music for you.

Did you know..... the **prelude** serves to set the tone for the worship service, to invite worshipers to prepare for the transition from their everyday lives into a sacred place of communion with God and with each other? The prelude generally lasts about three minutes and gives everyone time to be seated and prepare for the beginning of the service.

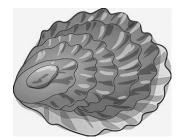
Did you know.... the **postlude** serves to do the opposite. The music sends the worshipers from communing with God and fellow church members out into the world.

Organ tidbit:

All the pipes of our organ are from the original 1950 Fritsche organ, except for one set. A set of pipes is called a rank. We have about 22 ranks of pipes. The manuals (keyboards) usually have 61 pipes per rank and the pedals usually have 32 pipes per rank. I did not go up into the chambers to count, but I estimate that we have approximately 1,200 pipes.



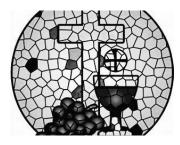
♦ November Happenings at Jacob's Church ♦



Oyster Supper – Saturday, November 2nd serving 3:00pm to 6:30pm in the Activity Center. Lots of help is needed to make this event successful. Please consider helping Friday, November 1st and /or Saturday, November 2nd. Desserts are also needed, please sign up on sheets posted in the church parlor area. Please reach out to Ron Smith (610.298.3405)

Daylight Saving Time Ends – Before you retire for the evening on Saturday, November 2nd, remember to turn your clocks back one hour, otherwise on Sunday, November 3rd you will be at Church School and Family Worship an hour too early!





Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, November 3, 2024 during the 10:15am worship service. *"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" I Corinthians 10:16*

All Saints Sunday ~ November 3, 2024 ~ During the worship service, Jacob's Church remembers our love ones who entered into eternal rest since October 2023: Ruth Arlene (nee Hartman) Kaley ~ (September 18, 1934 ~ February 17, 2024) Tucker James Wessner ~ (October 15, 2007 ~ July 16, 2024) Richard Allen Kunkel ~ (September 27, 1938 ~ August 12, 2024) Robert M. Trexler ~ (October 19, 1934 ~ September 4, 2024) Virginia Mae "Ginny" (nee Zimmerman) Henry ~ (April 6 1929 ~ September 18, 2024)

Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you, in Christ you weep with those who mourn even as you cry out in triumph over the grave. Unbind us from sin, release us from captivity, and with Lazarus, raise us from death to life, so that we may join that great crowd of saints who forever sing praise to your holy name; through Christ, the resurrection and the life. Amen





Operation Christmas Child ~ it is not too late to pick up a shoebox in the church sanctuary, fill it with fun stuff, bring it back to church by Sunday, November 10th. If you prefer, you may place a monetary gift in the offering plate in an envelope marked OCC. Thank you for your generous participation! For more information, please contact Ginger Johri (610.621.6044), or you can visit samaritanspurse.org/operation-Christmas-child, for more information.

Children's Church/Operation Christmas Child ~ *if making a shoebox is too overwhelming, we have a solution for YOU! The children of Children's Church are putting together Christmas shoeboxes, if you would like to donate shoebox items, please place in the toy chest in the church parlor area. All donations are greatly appreciated. FMI, (610.217.2513)*



Operation Christmas Child Shop for Shoebox Gifts at Hobby Lobby

Packing fun, full, and personalized shoebox gifts is a great way to share the love of Christ with a precious child overseas. Hobby Lobby is a wonderful place to find quality items to pack in your shoeboxes! Just check out the Operation Christmas Child signs throughout the store. If you need more ideas, see our <u>gift suggestions</u> organized by age and gender.

<u>Great Gift Ideas</u>: Hobby Lobby is a convenient place to pick up our preprinted Operation Christmas Child plastic shoeboxes, too. These colorful, sturdy boxes are a gift in themselves for children to store cherished items. When you pack a shoebox gift, make sure it's full—including a special "wow" item. Always pray for the child who will receive your gift as you pack.

Find a Hobby Lobby Near You

Also, you can shop at <u>Mardel Christian & Education stores</u>, which are a part of the Hobby Lobby family, to purchase plastic shoeboxes and wonderful gift items.

Every shoebox you pack is an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a child in need.

Declare His glory among the nations!

Psalm 96:3



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. If you need a listening ear, FMI please contact, Cindy Kuhns (484.529.2835). Stephen Ministers meetings will be held on Thursday, November 7th and Thursday, November 21st.

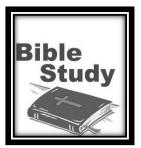
Cards Of Encouragement Ministry ~ "Thinking of you" cards to be sent are in the parlor area, please take the time to sign each card before or after Sunday worship. FMI, please contact Rose Moyer (484.769.7926), or to offer a name in need.





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, please contact Donna Shay (610.739.1867).

Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer ~ Join us as we explore the word of God together and pray for each other on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm in the Church Parlor. FMI, please contact Pastor Stan (828.242.5388).





Ladies Night Out! Will meet on Monday, November 18th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. FMI, please contact Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567).

IMPACT ~ will not be held on the first (11/2) Saturday, but will be held on the third (11/16) Saturday of November at 8:00am in the **church basement**. IMPACT Men target their home, work, and community. Breakfast will be served! FMI, please contact Pastor Stan (828.242.5388).





2024 Twin Pines Adult Retreat ~ "Share Something from the

Sermon" *Friday, November 8 – Sunday, November 10, 2024.* \$80.00 per person. If interested, the signup sheet is posted in the parlor area. Please take the time to sign up, this will truly be a wonderful blessing!

FYI ~ Friday, November 8th Early Check-in ~ 5pm

For those driving together: Gather at Jacob's at 6:30pm, depart by 7pm. Arrive at Twin Pines at approximately 8:15pm, room assignments, settle-in

8:45pm Snack and games for those interested. If you arrive early, dinner will be provided by Carla Newton. Upon arrival everyone will receive a schedule of happenings for the weekend!



Mission Crafters

Welcomes Woman of all Ages Friday, November 15, 2024 9:30am ~ 2:00pm Thanksgiving Projects and beginning of Christmas Projects

Friday, December 13, 2024 9:30am ~ 2:00pm Finish Christmas projects Please Sign Up in Church Parlor Or contact Linda Besch (484.707.0877)





Kids Night Out! ~ Join us on Sunday, November 24th, after worship in Jacob's Activity Center! Come for Thanksgiving dinner, games, movies, and crafts. Open to youth K-5th grade. Kids Night Out will also be held on Sunday, December 1, 2024 in the Activity Center, 2:00pm ~ 5:00pm. Everyone who is attending needs to complete the Google Form registration online to participate. FMI, please contact Kayla Fusselman at kemptoncountry@gmail.com or (610.844.1567)



Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin: God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16) Then He washes all the dirt off of you. (II Corinthians 5:17) He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate, and greed. (Romans 6:6) He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23) And He puts his light inside of you to Shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)



Thanksgiving Pot Luck, Sunday,

November 24th ~ FYI...no Thanksgiving Eve service! The start of a new tradition! The Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will have a pot luck lunch with a time of fellowship after worship in the Activity Center. A signup sheet is posted in the parlor area for attendance, bring your favorite side, the church will supply paper products, drinks and the main entrée. Hope to see everyone!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thursday, November 28, 2024 "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 candle of *Hope*, the candle of *Peace*, the candle of *Love*, the candle *Joy*, and the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 6:00pm.





Allentown Rescue Mission Needs YOU! Hosting a Food and Supplies Drive

You can help feed men experiencing homelessness throughout the Holiday Season and upcoming year! Below is a list of items they need, please consider helping. Drop off items in the tote provided in the church east lobby of the church. Collecting items to the end of the year. Thank you!

- ♦ Grocery Store Gift Cards ♦Breakfast Cereal ♦ Powdered Juice Mix ♦Granola and Cereal Bars ♦Pasta Sauce ♦ Canned Fruit ♦ Coffee ♦ Salad Dressing ♦Low Sodium Canned Veggies ♦ Bottled Water ♦ Toilet Paper Paper Towels ◆All-Purpose Cleaner ♦Trash Bags ♦ Pine-Sol ♦Laundry Detergent Men's Deodorant ♦ Men's Body Wash ♦ Window Cleaner ♦Liquid Bleach
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If it is more convenient for you, a Drive-Thru Drop-Off will be held Saturday, November 16th, 10:00am ~ 2:00pm at

Josh Early Candies Allentown 4640 Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18104

Josh Early Candies Bethlehem 3620 Nazareth Pike Bethlehem, PA 18020

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Schedule an appointment at Jacob's Church on

Saturday, November 16, 2024; 9:00am ~ 5:30pm Call ~ 888.814.0466 or go to https://www.LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA use code: HSCA001

Good News:

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†The good news is that 80% of strokes and heart disease can be prevented, according to the American Heart Association.



2024 Lehigh Valley Prayer Breakfast

YOUR INVITATION

Thursday, November 14, 2024 ~ 7:00am to 9:00am Gathering & Coffee at 7:00am; seated by 7:30am

LOCATION: Homewood Suites by Hilton (Allentown Bethlehem Center Valley) 3350 Center Valley Pkwy | Center Valley, PA 18034

On behalf of the Lehigh Valley Prayer Breakfast Committee, we have the pleasure of inviting you to join us for the Lehigh Valley Prayer Breakfast on

Thursday, November 14th, 2024.

Annually, a National Prayer Breakfast is sponsored by individual members of the House and Senate to reaffirm their faith and to renew the dedication of our nation to God and His purposes. Other Prayer Breakfasts are held around the nation on state and local levels to unite our leaders and to invigorate them in their responsibilities to our citizens.

In harmony with the leadership of other great states, and the National Presidential Breakfast, and in keeping



2024 Guest Speaker: Will Dellicker Youth Minister and with the above ideals, and also endeavoring to further the rich heritage in spiritual values handed down by the

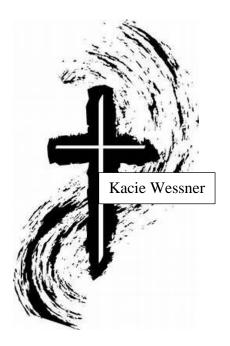


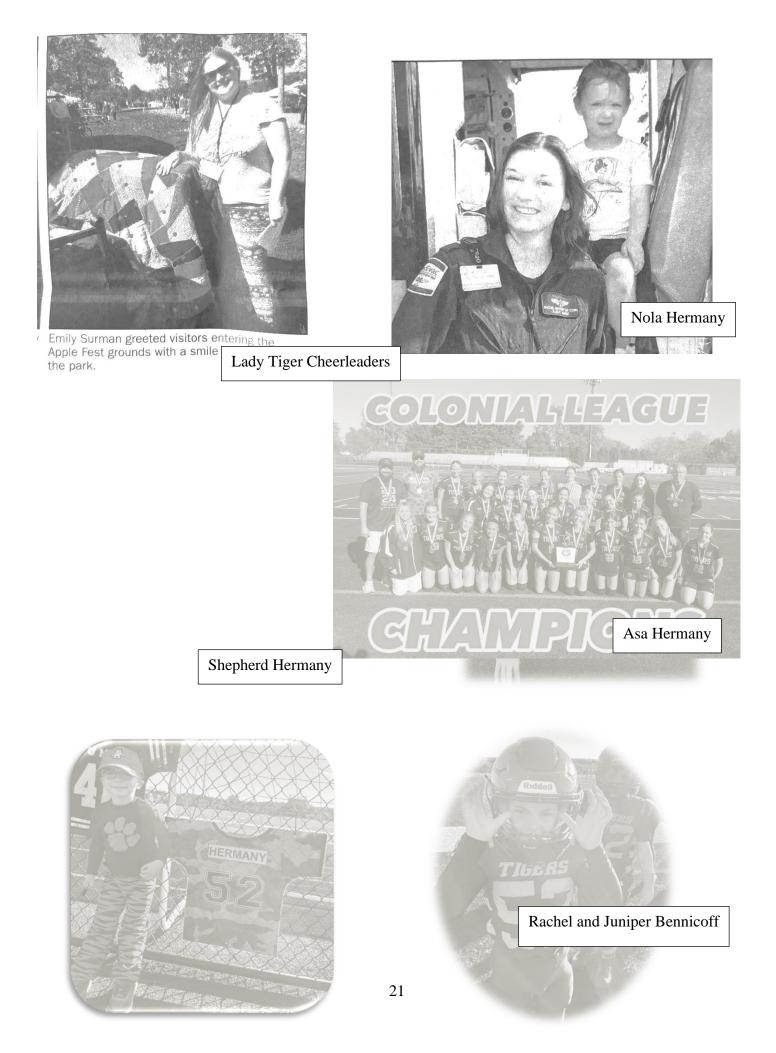


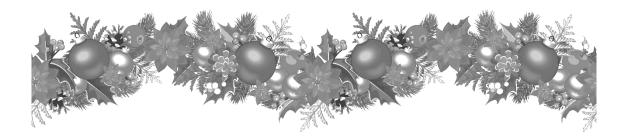


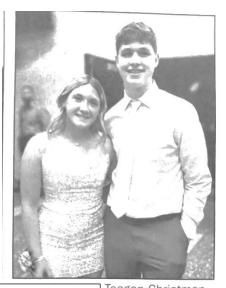
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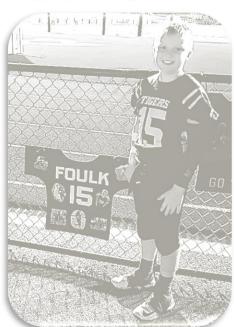






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2024 Christmas Card Exchange



Beginning Sunday, November 24, 2024, and ending Sunday, December 22, 2024 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 after the worship service, check the table in the church parlor area for any cards that are addressed to you and your neighbors.

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

♦ Jacob's Church Little Lambs Preschool ♦



Thank you to the Lynnport Fire Company and PA State Police for coming to visit us and teaching all about safety and community helpers!!



2024-2025 Little Lamb Important Dates Tuesday, November 26th ~ No School Wednesday, November 27th ~ No School Thursday, November 28th ~ No School



Fall Basket Social November 3rd to the 9th



Sunday (11/3) Noon to 4:00pm Wednesday (11/6) 1:00pm to 6:00pm



Friday (11/8) 1:00pm to 6:00pm (11/9) 9:00am to Noon... will be onsite.

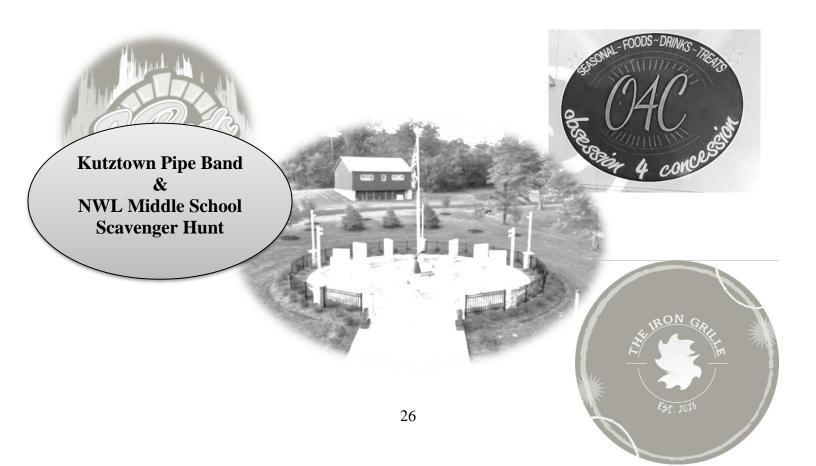
Saturday Good Egg Food Truck

Saturday, November 23rd ~ Early Bird opening of our Little Shopper's Village with our store open hours are 1:00pm to 5:00pm Sunday, November 24th ~ Annual Banquet at 2:00pm, Lynnport Fire Company Speakers: David and Jean Adam... "Having Fun with the dialect" Cost is \$30.00 per person. Contact Althea (610.398.1665) for tickets deadline for tickets is November 13, 2024.

potato filling day from re Company! November 19th FMI, Cindy Loch (484.225.4633) Start your day with a hardy breakfast... Lynnport Community Fire Co. 7164 Behler Road New Tripoli, PA All You Can Eat Breakfast Sunday, November 17th ~ 8:00am ~ 12:30pm Adults ~ \$10.00 Children (6-12yrs old) ~ \$7.00 Children (2-5yrs old) ~ \$5.00 Under 2yrs old ~ Free RE CO NO. VETERANS DAY ONTELAUNEE PARK, NEW TRIPOLI MOND&Y, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 11:00AM TO 7:00PM

Celebrate Veterans Day at Ontelaunee Park with your friends and neighbors.

- Food Trucks (J Rad's Wood Fired Pizza, Obession 4 Concession, and The Iron Grille) will provide great food from 11am to 7pm, enjoy in the park pavilion all afternoon or take something home for dinner.
- Great guitar music by Chris Noll plus basket raffles during the day
- Meet with Memorial Committee members to learn about the new project for the memorial site.
- Kutztown Pipe Band ~ 3:00pm Bag Pipes will perform a Military Tribute, Amazing Grace and other patriotic tunes to recognize the service of our local veterans.
- Northwestern Lehigh Middle School students will conduct an educational Scavenger Hunt featuring the symbolism, history and quotations around the memorial site.



BARNABAS BENEFIT

CONNECTING CARING HEARTS WITH NEEDS WORLDWIDE (Oct. 2024 Update)

Thanks so much for your continual caring, praying, and supporting of Barnabas Benefit. As many of you know, we just returned from a 15 day "Footsteps of Paul" tour of Turkey, Greece, and Italy celebrating Natalie being cancer free. Great; but far too much of it trekking and climbing on ancient rugged paths morning to night. with frequent web access, we were able to stay in touch with the Barnabas Benefit leaders and actually send funds for some desperate needs while traveling. Paul couldn't do that even though he walked "millions" of miles!

We continue to work with our normal borewells, microloans, etc. through our local leaders as funds became available and can be transmitted electronically. Thank you to those who "gave in advance" knowing we'd be gone. Fortunately, we also have been receiving ongoing help recently with our QuickBooks Online. It is a major blessing to have experts overseeing that everything is properly accounted for and 100% of the funds go to designated needs.

Borewells continue to be the most urgently requested item followed by microloans to start small businesses, and always more Bibles. It is a real joy to see the funding honoring special people in your lives (some deceased, others celebrating special events, or still others dedicated to friends and family who are impossible to buy gifts for "because they have everything". I just received a gift this morning from a lady I don't know honoring a special soon to be ten-year-old young lady's birthday for another "giftless" birthday. It would have never crossed my mind at that age but multiple young folks now sponsor and inspire borewells.

I lived in the Philippines and Viet Nam for several years and the weather there this time of year is usually similar to the devastation you see lately on the news in the southern and central parts of the US. This year was worse and more widespread; ranging as far as Nepal from the coasts. Many of our leaders requested emergency funding for food and water and we supplied as we were able, especially for refugees and orphans. In some cases, we supplied tarps for those left homeless till they could start over on dry ground.

We have experienced an unusual number of serious medical situations. Fortunately, all are still alive after extensive treatment for issues such as surgery after a severe beating, to paralysis from blood clots, breast cancer surgery, and a liver donor/transplant yesterday. One leader's wife died from kidney issues and we responded by helping supply requested "box" and a burial. (burials are just a hole in the ground but because of Hindu beliefs, they can be delayed for quite a few day if not done immediately and in secret)

We have had many exciting events and break throughs in spite of persecution and the events listed. Many of our leaders along with a helper venture into "unknown" areas on their motor bikes and bicycles (some we provided) with some still walking. Some areas not far from" civilization" still don't routinely wear clothes. They form relationships with the village elder and discuss needs such as clean, accessible water and we provide as funds are available. Although I purposely don't keep count, the number of lives that are touched are amazing and spreading from district to district. Many of these villages are controlled by the RSS (not friendly guys!) and/or village witch doctors. Now the new "problem": each village wants to build their own (costly) church. We try to encourage meeting in homes or other buildings. We discourage churches for several reasons not the least of which churches (and Pastors) are targets whenever there is unrest and it is spreading.

The lady Natalie discovered to start a sewing school for single Mothers several years ago has trained and made sewing machine loans available to countless ladies. (Their repayments fund new loans)

Recently she completed men's tailoring training and now successfully teaches often illiterate and unemployable men. They are doing great. Not sure they can master embroidery which even Natalie had difficulty with!

We have funded water distribution to isolated families and small villages in Nepal with them supplying the labor and some funds. Since our goal is to build self-reliance, virtually all if not all of our projects require an investment of time and money into their own projects.

We have been working extensively with refugee situation especially orphans fleeing war torn areas such as Manipur on the Burmese army-controlled Myanmar border. We build a "shed" for the children but now the local government says it isn't safe and wants a building with concrete instead of ground floors. We just supplied 65 bags of concrete to help with construction along with water filtration and even a basic solar system for study.

We are also working to supply food and supplies to the predominately Christian Burmese Chin tribesmen fleeing the army into "inaccessible" jungle areas. Money travels person to person by courier and takes 10-14 days depending on army surveillances.

We have worn out several Jesus Film projectors in the past which we have found ways to replace. We are working on two more replacements right now. Sounds simple but getting them there to vague addresses and then getting the recipients documents to line up is a challenge. Customs costs are horrendous and sometime a bit more to "redeem" lost projectors. An aside, we did successfully "redeem" and redistribute several hundred Bibles being held by the police as evidence in an "anti-conversion case" in another area. We also are giving 100 audio Bibles to eager illiterate Nepalese villagers.

Many of the older businesses funded through our microloans have been a great help in funding and training. It's great to see earlier generations successful and involved. It is my hope to institute basic financial training programs of some sort to further ensure success.

There are so many other wonderful stories but because of concerns for the leaders and others, it is not wise for their security and safety to share them in writing or on line. I am working with others that God has brought into my life within the past year who have provided valuable expertise, great advice and help. Barnabas Benefit's future will be even more effective and exciting with them on the team. One person that I meet regularly is even fluent in the Telugu language that is spoken where most of our borewell work is done.

God is amazing and I am so grateful for each of you who have faithfully stood with us and those who are presently choosing to join us.

Blessings, John and Natalie (and others behind the scenes)5427 Route 873, Schnecksville, PA 18078-2104barnabasbenefit.org(610) 767.7323barnabasbenefit@gmail.com



♦ 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, Jacob's Church for your prayers for two of our leaders..

I have good news and God has answered your prayers.

John and Neelam's daughter's lungs have been treated in a specially equipped private hospital and she has been released to the civil government hospital in Golaghat, Assam.

Neelam is scheduled to be released today from the special hospital in Vijayawada in SE Andhra Pradesh after chemo, breast surgery, and a kidney transplant. Her Husband John will be taking her on the long journey north back home to their tea garden home in Assam India.

I am not sure if she knows yet of her two orphans who were fatally bitten by a snake(s?) trying to get wood from the forest to sell to pay for her treatment so this will be a mixed homecoming. I believe John's job was held as "pending" while he was with Neelam.

MD (David) who was paralyzed and wheelchair bound after surviving beatings and then other complications resulting in blood clots in his legs was taken on a long journey south to a Christian surgeon who operated and helped coordinate rehabilitation. It is best that MD not return to his flourishing house churches that he established in the holy Hindu city in the north and he will "start over" as a "tent maker" selling cups of tea in the city ten hours south of there where he was treated. I am following up with some of the house church members. MD is amazing. He started in the area where he previously started those house churches by being a "picker" which is one who survives by selling plastic, cloth, etc. from trash heaps. This is an especially difficult time for him because both his Muslim parents and his brother recently died in a terrible mountain bus crash in remote Darjeeling and he deals with some continuing mental health issues.

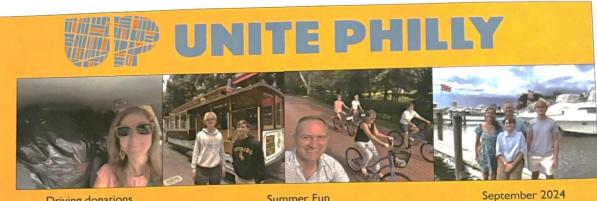
Please continue to pray for all the leaders that we work through even though their challenges right now are less extreme.

We have many great things happening in spite of setbacks and growing persecution. Borewells and relationships are spreading throughout the districts, especially where we have worked with a special well driller for quite a long time. (4 in progress honoring special people right now) The 100 audio Bible for illiterates in the mountains of Nepal is creating new opportunities. The cement flooring to meet government demands for properly housing orphans in Manipur should be complete along with some pure water and even lights. Although we didn't foresee all the possibilities, we are becoming more involved with children and young people who are the future of SE Asia (and the world). As some of you might know, a young lady's birthday contribution to Barnabas Benefit here in my area funded the materials and treats that a young teen and preteen brother and sister in India are providing to reach the children in the slums of their city in India. Refugee areas on the borders continue to be receptive to food and friendship/good news, especially the orphans.

I thank God for these opportunities and for each of you that care, pray, and give to enable these selfless leaders to touch lives and spread good news in their areas.

More later; wanted to do a quick update and praise report after last night's reports. Blessings, John (and Natalie & team)





Driving donations to Kensington

Summer Fun

CLOTHING THE HOMELESS

Last week when I was at New Day, I was in the donation room sorting dozens of bags of clothes supplied by our ministry partners. Emily, the director, told me she was sending in Jen to pick out an outfit. Jen came in and I greeted her with a smile. She told me she hadn't showered in 2 weeks because she didn't have anything to change into. I found some sweatpants just her size. We looked through the tops and she spotted a Penn State sweatshirt. She exclaimed, "I went there! I would love that one." I had to pause for a moment in my head...how does a college graduate end up in a place like this. I know it's not hard to get hooked on pain killers and then it's not a long trail to fentanyl, especially when it's less than \$10 a bag. It really can happen to anyone. She also picked out a soft t-shirt and I sent her on her way to get a shower.

This story is heart-breaking, and yet it's a reality to far too many people. Pray that the women in addiction would have the desire to get clean and that they would get the help they need when ready. Also pray that they can stay clean because recovery is a life-long journey.

The current director Emily is a Christian. When I asked her what she'd like prayer for she

mentioned that God would bring along more Christian workers to New Day. She's currently the only one at this particular space. Join me in praying God would raise up Christian social workers that have the leading by the Spirit to enter into this very spiritually dark world. Pray also that the Christians He raises up would have longevity to stay. This fall, I'll have been volunteering at New Day for 6 years. Most workers don't last more than a year or two because the nature of the work is so brutal and vicariously traumatic.

If you'd like to donate clothing, please email/text me, Katie (contact info below in yellow box). Cozy pants and jeans are great, no dress pants. Tshirts, sweatshirts and hoodies are always requested. If you'd like to buy underwear for when the women get showers let me know. Thank you to everyone who has donated clothing or bought items in the past. You are making an impact!

dave.brindley@cru.org Dave and Katie Brindley 5005 Chestnut Street katie.brindley@cru.org Philadelphia, PA 19139 215-407-7182

To give online to our account: give.cru.org/0521081 Please make checks payable to Cru UnitePhilly.org

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

October 25, 2024

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

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th; starting at 9:30am and ending approximately at 11:30am.

Stephen Ministers held their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 3rd and Thursday, October 17th.

Jacob's Church Board meeting was held on Monday, October 7th in the church basement. Missions Committee held meetings on Friday, October 11th and Friday, October 25th.

IMPACT used the center on Saturday, October 5th and Saturday, October 19th for their breakfast gatherings.

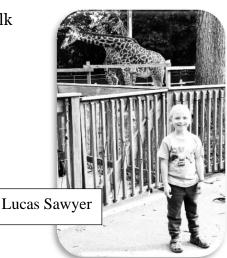
Kids Night Out was held on Sunday, October 20th. Mission Crafters for women of all ages was held on Friday, October 25th in church basement.

A private celebration was held on Saturday, October 5th. Kutztown Twirlers practiced on Friday, October 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, 5:00pm ~ 9:00pm. NWL Twirlers practiced on Monday, October 7th, 21st and 28th, 4:30pm ~ 9:00pm. NWL Field Hockey held a practice on Wednesday, October 16th, 6:00pm ~ 7:00pm to prepare for end of year games.

Abiding Arrow Home School held their sessions on Wednesday, October 4th, 9th, 15th, 23rd, and 30th, 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm. The group also held a time of prayer on Wednesday, October 9th and Wednesday, October 23rd, 11:00am ~ 12:30pm.

Help is needed during our annual Oyster Supper held on Saturday, November 2nd! Please sign up on the appropriate sheet in parlor area! WE NEED YOU!

God Bless You, Faye M Smith Foulk





Cheryl Boyer, Curtis & Joan Staudt

November

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. II Corinthians 12:11

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Scheduled Activity Center Activities

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5



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