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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THE PASTOR'S EPISTLE "IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!"

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so, it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:1-7 K.J.V.

I can hardly believe that Christmas is just around the corner. As the old expression says, "<u>Time</u> Waits For No Man." In Luke Chapter 2 we read that the <u>time</u> came for Jesus Christ to be born. In Galatians 4:4 we read that "in the fulness of <u>time</u>" God sent His Son into the world.

The Scripture has much to say about the importance of <u>time</u>. We are told in Ephesians 5:16 that we are to redeem the <u>time</u>. Yes, my friends, we are to take every opportunity God has given us to serve Him and our fellow man. In Psalm 103:15, 16 we are told that our days on earth are short. The Psalmist says that like a flower of the field, we are here today and gone tomorrow. In Hebrews 9:27 we are told that we have only one life to be saved from our sins. The doctrine of reincarnation is a false hope and lie that teaches that we have an unlimited <u>time</u> in which to become acceptable to God.

The beautiful Christmas Season will soon be upon us. In the midst of all the decorations, gifts, feasting, and laughing children, let us all thank God for the <u>time</u> He has given to us.

Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth, Peace, Goodwill towards Men.

Merry Christmas!!

Pastor Scott and Donna Shay

Jacob's Church Board Minutes

October 1, 2018

Attendance:

Elders: Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler

Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Richard Oswald, Jared Hermany, Solomon Johri

Treasurer: David Follweiler Youth Leader: Tad Schlegel

Tad Schlegel opened the meeting with a prayer.

Evangelism Committee- Pastor Shay to look for a replacement to lead.

Missions- Mike Bailey and Diane Wertman have stepped forward. Operation Christmas Child will be run by Tad this year and then responsibility for next year to be assumed by Missions Committee.

Praise Music- Board to have a meeting with Praise Team.

Job Reviews- Have not been performed yet but will be done soon.

Tad Schlegel updated Youth Groups: FUEL has 9 kids and KFC numbers should start building up after sports end. Step Up program is going very well. FUEL and Step UP programs will be going to Camp Swatara Nov. 9-11.

Tad Schlegel reports Ginger Moyer has been working diligently to maintain website.

The Wuchter House repairs will begin this winter.

Light The Night- is being placed on hold this year and is planned for next year.

Movie Night is in the works.

Solomon Johri brought AED recommendations to the Board of 2 Phillips Heart Start. 1 unit for the Church and 1 for the Activities Center. A motion was made to approve the purchase by Jared Hermany and seconded by Kevin Dellicker. The motion carried.

Confirmation Class is reviewing the Bible in a Bible Survey Class style. Pastor Shay reports he and Tad will be rotating teaching. 4 children are currently enrolled.

The Church Board Budget Meeting will be held October 28, 2018.

Member transfer request was brought to the Board- Scott Henninger is moving out of the area. A motion to approve the transfer was made by Solomon Johri and seconded by Jared Hermany. The motion carried.

Pastor Shay informed the Board of his vacation from November 11 - 18.

Kevin Dellicker presented a letter from the Ontelaunee Park Veterans Memorial Committee. They will be building a memorial for all who have served our country dating from the Revolution to present in an electronic data base. Committee is asking to access our church records for those who have served. The Board is looking into finding if records exist.

Life Choices- Jane Wessner is stepping down as Jacob's Church liaison. Pastor Shay will make an announcement at service asking for a volunteer to replace Jane.

Treasure's Reports was presented by David Follweiler as follows:

Balance at September 2018 meeting: \$24,961.07

Income \$26,673.35 Expenses \$22,896.19

Balance at October 2018 Meeting: \$28,738.23

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Solomon Johri and seconded by Ron Belknap. The motion carried.

- 19. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the September 2018 meeting was made by Jared Hermany and seconded by Kevin Dellicker. The motion carried.
- 20. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Oswald and seconded by Ron Belknap. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Solomon Johri

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Monday, December 3, 2018. Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, December 10, 2018.

At our December 3, 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$3,988 per week in order to meet our 2018 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in October 2018:

October 7	\$5,440.05
October 14	\$5,804.49
October 21	\$3,578.00
October 28	\$3,933.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – October \$171,484.00 Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – October \$194,424.84 Amount Over Budget for January – October \$ 22.940.84

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



Greeters/Ushers for December

Earl and Marie Muth December 2 Curtis and Joan Staudt

Confirmation December 9

December 16 Ginger and Eli Johri Ed and Tracy Sawyer

December 23 Church Board

December 24 Church Board

December 30 Church Board Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

Flowers for December

December 2 Gary and Carolyn Krick

December 9 Paul Oswald Family Fred Bowman Family

December 16 Altar Committee

December 23 Van Blargan Family

December 24 Poinsettias

December 30 Altar Committee

Puppet Ministry- Ginger Johri and Rose Moyer Sunday, December 2, 2018

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Scripture Readers for December

December 2 Louise Hill

December 9 Edward Sawyer

December 16 Elijah Johri

December 23 Ginger Johri

December 30 Donna Shay

Acolytes for December are Andrew Sawyer Blargan

and Khrystyna Van

December Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations and Best Wishes to The Following Couples
Daryl and Melissa
Gordon
Reid and Betty Kent
Lawrence and Hilary
Kish
Steve and Teresa
Riegel

Celebrating Their Wedding Anniversaries:

What's Happening at

Jacob's!





ADVENT COMMUNION:

Advent Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, December 2 during the 10:15AM worship service. Communion will be served in the pew that morning. Plan to attend this special service.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Jacob's Church Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 2nd immediately following the worship service. Please attend this import meeting. Agenda is as follows:

- Election of two Deacons and one Elder
- Review and approve the 2019 proposed Church Budget

The Pastor and Church Board encourage all of our Covenant Members to exercise their freedom as members of the Body of Christ.

CELEBRATING THE ADVENT SEASON:



December 2 – Hope for God's Presence

"but those who **hope** in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint" Isaiah 40:31

December 9 – Hope for God's Peace

"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

December 16 – Hope for God's Joy

"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

December 23 – Hope for God's Love

"And so, we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is **Love**. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them" I John 4:16

December 24 – The Light of Christ

"In the same way, let your **light** shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven" Matthew 5:16





Tired of looking at dirty dishes? Need to get out of the house? Ladies Night Out will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30pm. Come and enjoy fellowship with your sisters in Christ! (FYI: Ladies Night Out is

going to start being on a Tuesday/Wednesday monthly rotation as to not conflict with the Healing Prayer Ministry and Weekly Bible Studies too often). Contact

Ginger Moyer at 610.468.5295 for more information.

CHURCH CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT due to inclement weather can be found:



- On our website, jacobschurch.org
- ➤ On Facebook
- ➤ Broadcasted on WFMZ TV CHANNEL 69 NEWS STORM CENTER



CHIRSTMAS EVE SERVICE OF CAROLS AND CANDLES

Our Annual Christmas Eve Service will be held on Monday, December 24th at 7:30PM. Invite your relatives, friends and neighbors to attend this inspiring and uplifting serve of carols and candles as we celebrate the birth of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDER

Ordination and Installation of Church Board members will take place on Sunday, December 30, 2018 during the 10:15AM worship service.

Infant Baptism

Elena Rae Madtes, born on May 10, 2018, was baptized at Jacob's Church on November 25, 2018 by Pastor Scott L. Shay. She is the daughter of Zachary and Jennifer (Flannery) Madtes of

Kempton. Her sponsors are Cody Madtes and Sheri Voelker. We praise God for our wonderful children and their potential to serve Jesus Christ and His Church.

Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

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 Sincere Sympathy to the family of Gary Paul Womer

Gary Paul Womer, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at the age of 66. Gary was born on June 5, 1952, a son of Paul F. Womer and the late Shirley M (Kuhns) Womer. Gary was confirmed September 26, 1971 by Rev. Clarence Rahn at Jacob's Union Church. Gary is survived by his daughter, Stephanie M. wife of Matthew Watson of New Tripoli and his daughter, Jessica L. wife of Paul Waidelich of Kempton; his grandchildren, Kyle and Kimberlyn Watson and Melissa and Joseph Waidelich; sister, Eileen L. wife of Donald Myers. He is also survived by his step-mother, Iris D. (Steigerwalt) Womer. A private graveside interment was held on Wednesday, November 21 at Ebenezer Union Cemetery. Pastor Scott L Shay officiated.

Thank You!

HARVEST HOME - Jacob's Church donated food received from Harvest Home Sunday to Northwestern Lehigh Food Bank at Lowhill Church. 317 pounds of food! Thank you to all!

Thank you
the Christ's Church at Lowhill Food Pantry, New Tripoli PA.
Your donation weighed: 317
Date:
$^{\sim}$ Your contribution helps those in need in your community $^{\sim}$
Signed: Benera Kentler
610-298-2054

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE 2018

Beginning Sunday, December 2nd and ending Sunday, December 23rd.

Jacob's Church will again have a Christmas Card Exchange.

Mailboxes will be set up in the 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 <u>check the table in</u> <u>the parlor area</u> (see note below) for any cards that were not delivered earlier.

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

Thank You So Much For Your Help In Making The Christmas Card Exchange So Successful!

Youth News!

Youth Schedule for December

➤ Kids For Christ (KFC) Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19 at 6:00 pm in Activity Center

> Jr. High Youth (FUEL) Tuesdays, December 4, 11, 18 at 6:30 pm in Activity Center

> Young Adults (STEP-UP) - Thursdays, December 6, 13, 20 at 7:00pm in Fenstermaker House

NO YOUTH GROUP ACTITIVIES BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR!

Youth Groups will begin in 2019: Wednesday, January 2 (KFC); Thursday, January 3 (STEP-UP); Tuesday, January 8, 2019 (FUEL)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Thank you everyone for your generous participation with the Shoebox Ministry.

Youth at Black Rock Retreat Center!







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LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!

The Northwestern Youth Athletic Association varsity team took second place in the league this year and was one of two Tiger teams to play in the league titl

Looks like you enjoyed your season Tiger Cub, Collins!



Congratulat ions, Jared Silva!





Congratulations! Jocelyn Bernhard, Sydney Utt and all the Lady Tigers!



RIGHT: Ben Smith climbs through a drain pipe as Damien Hahn waits his turn.



Looks like fun, Damien!



Tillana Foulk!

Looking Ahead to January

Sunday, January 6 - New Year Communion Sunday, January 13 - Fellowship and Refreshments TBA – Take down Christmas Tree TBA – Deadline to register for Youth Retreat at Twin Pines

Mission Moment

Following Jesus into Philly NEGLIS GROUP BOX IN Kensington Math tutoring at Robert Morris Rob

Leaving my comfort zone

This week, my (Katie) work with Cru City lead me into areas of brokenness in our city that I could not foresee doing even a couple years ago.

Tuesday I was distributing goods as a woman came into a safe place in Kensington, where just 20 minutes ago she overdosed on heroin, needing Narcan to save her life. At this location, exclusively for women, they can pick out clothing, socks and new underwear. Many of the women who come in are sex-workers, forced into this life through abusive relationships. At this location, we treat the women with dignity and respect and help to provide some basic needs that are often stolen from them. This women knew of this safe place and was greeted by people that cared for her and showed her kindness.

Also, through Family Homework Night, we learned that math ability is also a great need at Robert Morris elementary. Monday was my first weekly math tutoring time with 1st and 3rd graders. I sat beside a 1st grader who was really struggling to get a fairly simple concept. Even with one-on-one attention, visuals, and much practice, she still wasn't getting the concept.

I know I'm not going to make a huge impact in Kensington or at Robert Morris, but I am staying faithful and being obedient to where He leads, because God can change lives.

Philadelphia Gospel Movement

Just as our international student ministry saw greater effectiveness as organizations worked together, the same is happening as our work with Cru City is now part of the Philadelphia Gospel Movement. In the past month, we worked to help launch their Marketplace ministry, first education project, website (philadelphiagospelmovement.org), and bi-weekly events newsletter (sign-up online).

On November 16th, we will host a leader in the business community of NYC who is passionate about bringing Christians together to advance the gospel and Kingdom of God (info on above site).

Bob Doll will share in Newtown Square, Old City (American Bible Society), and Telford what they have done and cast vision for Philly. This is a fundraiser, but please do not feel an obligation to give. You will experience a fuller picture of what have done and will do through your prayers and gifts.

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10/24/2018

Dear Friend in Christ,

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ!

It is so good to contact you once again through this mail. Trust you are doing well with your family. I am always praising God for you and remembering you in my thoughts and prayers.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for my family and ministry.

I just concluded a 2 day special spiritual seminar on 29th and 30th September 3018 in Gujarat area for 50 young participants (35 boys and 15 girls) The theme of the seminar was "Remembering your Creator while you are young" (Ecc 12:1). The participants came from different areas. It was a joy to teach subjects like True Friendship, Run well and Finish well- Running with perseverance, Making right choices, Faith and prayer etc. We had a great time of praise and worship in several languages. There was a time for Bible Quiz and action songs for the participants. It was so good to hear the participants' testimonies of how they were greatly blessed and challenged by the messages. All Glory to Him alone!! I am attaching some pictures taken during the seminar. Once again THANK YOU for praying!

Special prayer Requests:

- 1. Literature. Bible book marks, calendars, promise cards for 2019 and some Bible tracts are getting ready for prayerful distribution.
- 2. Upcoming Revival sessions in the month of November in Gujarat. Dates and details are being workout. Please pray for travels, participants and the success of the program.

Thank you for your valuable prayers and encouragement in His work.

Blessings,

Yours in Christ,

Rev Mohan Ram

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Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God!
William Carev

Community Outreach

LOCAL VETERANS OUTREACH

The Ontelaunee Park Veterans Memorial Committee and the Northwestern Lehigh School District have come together in a unified effort to honor our local Veterans with a permanent memorial to be located in Ontelaunee Park.

The vision of the committee is to list all the names of our residents who served in the military services since the Revolutionary War to the present time, with provisions for adding Veterans' names into the future.

The Ontelaunee Park Veterans Memorial Committee needs your help to obtain a list of local veterans. The committee would like to include all Veterans who served before, during or after their residence in any of the four townships (Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn or Weisenberg).

The Committee would like you to include:

Last name:
First name:
Middle initial:
Suffix:
Date of birth:
Highest rank:
Branch of service:
Year/s served:
Theater or war:
Killed in action:
Township:

Please submit to Faye Foulk in person or in supplied basket in church parlor area or text (610.751.5742) or via email (novaps@aol.com) no later than January 13, 2019. Additional forms in the same basket in the church parlor area.

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

November 25, 2018

The following activities were held in the Jacob's Church Activity Center for the month of November.....

Private celebrations were held on Thursday, November 8; Saturday, November 10 and November 24; Sunday, November 11.

The Women's Prayer Ministry (Sisters of Esther) continue to use the meeting room on Tuesday mornings. The Men's Prayer Breakfast Ministry continue to use the meeting room on Wednesday mornings.

- The Stephen Minister staff trainings were held in the center on Monday, November 12 and November 19; Thursday, November 1 and November 29.
- The Home School Co-op were in session on Monday, November 5, 12, 19 and 26; beginning at 9:30am, ending approximately at 11:30am.
- The Kutztown Revolution Twirlers held practices on Friday, November 2, 9, 16, and 30, beginning at 6:00pm and ending at approximately at 9:00pm.
- The KFC youth group held meetings on Wednesday, November 7th, and the 28th. The FUEL youth group held meetings on Tuesday, November $6^{\rm th}$, $13^{\rm th}$, $20^{\rm th}$ and $27^{\rm th}$. The Youth Praise Team held practices on Monday, November $12^{\rm th}$ and the $26^{\rm th}$.

The annual Oyster Supper was held on Saturday, November 3. Thank you to all who helped to make this event successful.

God Bless You,

Faye M Foulk

Jacob's Church	Schedule	De	2018			
30 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15am Blended Worship Service/Ordination & Installation of Church Board	31 New Year's Eve					1
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23 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15am Blended Worship Service/Christmas Cantata Fellowship	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	28	29

Jacob's Church Activity Center Schedule					December			2018	
30	31 New Year's Eve							1	

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Private Celebration	Home School Coop 9:30-11:30am NYAA Soccer 6-8pm	Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am FUEL – 6:00-8:30PM	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7-8:30am KFC 6-8:15PM	Step-Up 7-9 FENSTERMAKER HOUSE NYAA Soccer 6-8pm	TWIRLERS 6-9	Private Celebration
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