

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 "VICTORY IN JESUS"

I tell you this, my brothers: an earthly body made of flesh and blood cannot get into God's kingdom. These perishable bodies of ours are not the right kind to live forever. But I am telling you this strange and wonderful secret: we shall not all die, but we shall all be given new bodies! It will all happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For there will be a trumpet blast from the sky and all the Christians who have died will suddenly become alive, with new bodies that will never, never die; and then we who are still alive shall suddenly have new bodies too. For our earthly bodies, the ones we have now that can die, must be transformed into heavenly bodies that cannot perish but will live forever.

When this happens, then at last this Scripture will come true- - "Death is swallowed up in victory." O death, where then your victory? Where then your sting? For sin—the sting that causes death—will all be gone; and the law, which reveals our sins, will no longer be our judge. How we thank God for all of this! It is He who makes us victorious through Jesus Christ our Lord! I Corinthians 15:50-57 L.B

When I was a Navy Chaplain stationed at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia there was a church I visited called Victory Tabernacle Assembly of God. This church had a great motto which stated, "Life is Sweeter with Victory!" Just as we at Jacob's Church have our motto on all our correspondence, they also would place their motto in all newsletters, stationery and worship bulletins.

There is an old hymn which I have grown to love called "Victory In Jesus." As Christians we need to remember and claim the fact that through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we are victorious. Yes, my friends, even when it seems that the conditions around us are saying, "give up, you are a loser," we must still claim victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This fall season I pray that you will claim victory in your life over Satan, Hell, Sin and Death. If you are able to claim by faith that through the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and second coming of our Lord an eternal victory has been won for you; I promise a full and abundant life will be yours.

God Bless You!

Pastor Shay

**Jacob's Church Board Minutes
August 6, 2018**

Attendance:

Elders: Dave Zoghby, Mike Follweiler

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

Treasurer: David Follweiler

Youth Leader: Tad Schlegel

Mike Follweiler opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. The Stephen Ministry continues to move forward and will kick off in fall.
2. Evangelism Committee reports working with Tad and door hangers.
3. The Christian Education Committee no new updates
4. The Missions Committee still in search of volunteers
5. Tad Schlegel updated Youth Group programs as per the bulletin.
6. Tad Schlegel reported that Ginger Moyer will be assisting with website updates.
7. Tad Schlegel reports Shinefest continues to come together.
8. The Wuchter House will be filled by the Schlegel family as of June 1st, 2018.
9. Kevin Dellicker will be installed as Deacon on August 19.
10. Treasurer's Reports was presented by David Follweiler as follows:

Balance at July 2018 meeting:		\$58,281.84
Income	\$18,307.91	
Expenses	\$31,676.76	
Balance at August 2018 Meeting:		\$46,426.70

11. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Solomon Johri and seconded by James Moyer. The motion carried.
12. David Follweiler presented the board with upcoming prepay for oil. Prepay price increased from \$1.96 to \$2.49. Motion was made to continue at the new rate by Kevin Dellicker and Seconded by Jared Hermany. The motion carried.
13. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the July 2018 meeting was made by Richard Oswald and seconded by Jared Hermany. The motion carried.
14. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Oswald and seconded by James Moyer. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Solomon Johri

Jacob's Church Board also approved to create two separate committees from Board of Christian Education. One will be named Christian Education Committee, Chairperson, Jane Wessner. The committee will oversee Youth Groups, Adult Sunday School, VBS, Children's Church, Confirmation, Senior High School, Adult Bible Study, Preschool, Evangelism Committee and other events.

The second committee is named Special Event Committee. This committee will assist with Community Days (Shinefest), Easter Egg Hunt, Easter/Christmas Gifts, Church Picnic, Mother/Daughter Banquet, Life Line, Bloodmobile, Shoebox Ministry, Lite the Night, Christmas Cards, Fellowship, Lentil meals and other events. No chairperson was selected for this committee, but interested are Corinne Bast, Faye Foulk, Carol Rassler, and Leann Sacks. Maryann Oswald will continue with the Christmas cards.

Pastor Shay and Tad Schlegel will be involved with both groups. If anyone is interested in joining one or both committees, please speak to Pastor Shay.

Michael Bailey and Diane Wertman agreed to serve on the Missions Committee. This committee already consists of Donald and Eileen Myers and Jane and Forrest Wessner. Thank you for your commitment to serve.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Monday, October 1, 2018.

Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, October 8, 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 August 2018:

August 5	\$3,888.00
August 8	\$4,734.00
August 15	\$5,813.00
August 22	\$3,019.19

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – August	\$135,592.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – August	\$152,715.38
Amount Over Budget for January – August	\$ 17,123.38

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

Flowers for October

- October 7 Robert Nester
- October 14 Altar Committee
- October 21 Altar Committee
- October 28 Altar Committee

Greeters/Ushers for October

- October 7 Roger/Cindy Kuhns
Clem/Cindy Schmoyer
 - October 14 Church Board
 - October 21 Ron/Bonnie Belknap
Perry/Liz Long
 - October 28 Confirmation Class
- Greeters should be at church by 9:45am**

Puppet Ministry- Ginger Johri and Rose Moyer

- Sunday, October 7, 2018
- Sunday, October 21, 2018

Scripture Readers for October

- October 7 Rev. Scott L. Shay
- October 14 Rev. Scott L. Shay
- October 21 Rev. Scott L. Shay
- October 28 Rev. Scott L. Shay

Acolyte for October is Cody Utt

October Wedding Anniversaries



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

*Chris and Shaní Feinour
Michael and Denise Follweiler
Andrew and Katie Foulk
Charles and Emily German
Jared and Andrea Hermany
Solomon and Ginger Johri
Zach and Jennifer Madtes
Donnie and Blaise Malloy
Donald and Eileen Myers*

*Adam and Tonya Peter
Justin and Katelyn Pradel
Kevin and Jennifer Randall
Wilson and Michelle Reppert
William and Shirley Ruppert
Ray and Kaitlin Sacks
James and Melinda Wessner
Vadim and Amanda Yamayev*

What's coming up?



WORLD WIDE COMMUNION will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 7** during the **10:15AM** worship service. Communion will be served in the pew. Circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend this special service and share in this holy sacrament.

COVENANT SIGNING – During the months of **October** and **November**, members of Jacob's Church will have the opportunity to renew their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ by a **voluntary** signing of the Church Covenant. During this time, we are reminded once again of the vow we made to God the day we were confirmed and publicly proclaimed Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. We praise God for His Church and the opportunity we have to serve.

**Jacob's Church Women's Fall Retreat
Saturday, October 13 at 8:00AM – 3:00PM
In the Activity Center**

Join us as we collectively worship and rejoice in The Lord!

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Registration 8:00-8:30AM

Breakfast 8:30-9:00AM

Worship begins at 9:00AM

Morning teaching based on: I Thessalonians 5:16

“Rejoice always and pray without ceasing”

Break for Lunch (pay at door-\$5.00)

Afternoon teaching focused on: Psalm 19:14

**“May these words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart be pleasing
in your sight, Lord, my Rock and Redeemer”**

**Please contact Christine Morehouse at 610-393-6068
for further information or to register.**

Join Us and Be Blessed!

HARVEST HOME SERVICE – Sunday, October 28th will be our annual Harvest Home Service. Non-perishables and canned goods may be brought to church on Sunday, October 7 through Sunday, October 28 and placed on the table in the parlor area. Fresh fruits and vegetables may be brought on Sunday, October 28th. Please share in this day of celebrating the blessings of our Lord. “Praise God from whom all blessings flow!”

LIGHT THE NIGHT OUTREACH - Saturday, October 27th Light the Night Event will take place next to the New Tripoli Bank during trick-or-treat night in New Tripoli. Helpers are needed to make this a successful outreach for the community. We are also looking for people to donate water and candy. LOTS OF CANDY! There is a donation box located in the Church Parlor.

Oyster Supper – Saturday, November 3, 2018; serving 3:00PM to 7:00PM in the Activity Center. Lots of help is needed to make this event successfully. Please considered helping Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3. Please reach out to Ron Smith at 610-298-3405.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – Remember to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 4, 2018, otherwise you will be at Church School and Family Worship an hour too early!

ALL CHURCH COMMITTEES – In order to prepare for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 2, 2018 all 2018 Committee Reports are due to church secretary, Faye Foulk on or before Sunday, October 28th. The following committees need to submit their reports Altar Committee, Scholarship Committee, Kitchen Committee, Property Committee, Christian Education Committee, Special Events Committee, Missions Committee, Youth Group and Archives Committee

Membership News!

2018 SUMMER/LABOR DAY HOME COMMUNIONS WERE SERVED TO:

Eddie Bartholomew	Ray and Karen Moyer
Ralph and Pearl Follweiler	Dick and Joan Oswald
Marion Hamm	William and Shirley Ruppert
Russell Hartman	Madeline Seidel
Virginia Henry	Hermie Schappel
Lester and Linda Lutz	Gary Womer

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Carrie Hermany and Matthew Mangol who were married on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Jacob's Church with Pastor Scott L. Shay officiating. Best Wishes from your Jacob's Church Family!

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Richard Hermany and Susan Kaiser who were married on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at Jacob's Church with Pastor Scott L. Shay officiating. Best Wishes from your Jacob's Church Family!

CONGRATULATIONS to William and Shelby Bast! Their new bundle of joy, Adelynn Rose Bast, was born Sunday, September 23rd at 6:03pm! Weighting in at 9 lbs. 13 oz and 21 ¼ inches long. She joins big sister, Cecelia Leigh! Congratulations from your Jacob's Church Family!

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF: Ella Mae Snyder Feinour Hemerly. Ella Mae was the daughter of Menno and Irene Klingaman Snyder. She was the wife of Robert Feinour who passed away on 14 August 1963 and the wife of John Hemerly Jr, who passed away on 19 June 2009. Ella Mae is the mother of Sheila Falstick and Susan Fetherolf. Ella Mae was born on 28 August 1929 and passed away on 5 September 2018. Funeral services for Ella Mae were held on 10 September 2018 in the Robert S Nester Funeral Home with Pastor Ruth C Rahn Schaefer officiating. Interment Jacobs Union Cemetery.

Youth News!

Jacob's Student Ministry (JSM) News

Our Purpose: Our student ministry exists to **Share** the Gospel with nonbelieving students, to **Join** them with other Christians, to help them **Understand** their faith, and to challenge their growing by **Serving** others and **Exalting** God with the way they live.

Step-Up

Are you going to be in 8th-12th grade this year? Do you want to get more from your faith than what you have to this point? Do you want to witness God at work?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then **Step-Up** is for you. **Step-Up** is a year-long program designed for students to dive deeper and grow stronger in their faith. Based off of Luke 10:27, students will learn what it means to “love the Lord with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.” Plus, they will learn to “love your neighbor as yourself.” **Step-Up** will begin September 6th from 7-9PM. With, possibly, a retreat taking place at Camp Swatara the weekend before. If you are interested in being a part of this life changing program, please pick up a paper at the back and give it to Tad Schlegel. If you are unable to get a paper, please contact Tad Schlegel at 717-644-1153 and let him know you are interested. **Purpose:** To help them **Understand** (Discipleship) their faith.

FUEL (6th-12th Grade)

FUEL will start up again September 4th at 6PM. FUEL is a Safe Zone. It is an open door to anybody that wants to have fun and hang out. Not only that, but we attempt to fulfill the purpose of worship at FUEL by communicating our love to God through praying, singing, testifying, thanking, and listening to God's Word. If FUEL sounds like something you want to experience, then we would love to have you. For more info. contact Tad at 717-644-1153.

Purpose: To **Join** (Fellowship) students with other Christians and **Exalt** (Worship) God with our lives. FUEL is still on the hunt for those who want to serve these students with their time and experiences. If this sounds like you, we would love to have you a part of our team. For more information please contact Tad at 717-644-1153

JSM Worship Team

If God has blessed you with the talent of singing or playing an instrument, and you are in 6th-12th Grade, JSM Worship Team wants you. We are currently in the process of organizing a Worship Team that will perform at FUEL. If you are interested in joining please contact Tad at 717-644-1153.

KFC (K-5th Grade)

KFC will start up again September 5th at 6:30PM. KFC is a children's program that weaves contemporary praise music, dance, singing, games, fun and interactive skits, and small group discussion time together to reinforce one clear and simple bottom line each week so kids can walk away and remember what matters most. If your children loved VBS, then they will love KFC.

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ALPHA FOR TEENS

Alpha will begin on **October 9th, 2018 at 6 PM**, located in the Activity Center, with a free meal. We will then watch a video, and then break off into small groups to talk about the lesson. Alpha for Teens will take place over 12 weeks, including a weekend get-away to Camp Andrews in Holtwood, PA. If this sounds like something you would be interested in being involved in, or something you would love to invite somebody to that might not go to church, then we would love to have you. Whether you are a strong Christian believer, or a person who hasn't quite bought the whole Christian thing yet, Alpha is for you. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Typically run over eleven weeks, each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It's just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For the past 25 years, Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse have been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel.

Last year Jacob's Church Congregation and the Youth Groups put together more than 200 boxes for boys and girls in need around the world. This year we are inviting the entire church to beat last years number of 200! It is another way for all of us to get involved in sharing the Gospel message and impacting not only the children's lives, but the lives of the parents as well.

For more information, and to get involved, you can come to the table set up in the back of the church. Also, you can contact Tad Schlegel at 717-644-1153, or you can visit samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child, for more information. Final collection day for all shoeboxes will be November 11, 2018.

Notes of Thanks!

Katelyn and Mckenzie Greenawalt wish to thank Jacob's Church for their scholarship gift. It will help to offset the cost of books at our colleges.

Pearl Follweiler expresses her sincere thanks to her immediate family, her Jacob's Church Family, friends, relatives and neighbors for all the prayers, get well wishes, phone calls, and many other deeds of kindness extended to her during her recuperation from a total knee replacement. Special thanks to Pastor Scott and Donna Shay for their prayers and visit at the hospital.



Stuck on you

Julia and Josh Farber of Heidelberg Township have the best view of all during the festivities Aug. 25 at the Shinefest celebration at Jacob's Church, Jacksonville, Lynn Township. The brother and sister were "stuck" to the wall of the Velcro house inflatable on display for the kids.

PRESS PHOTO BY DEBRA PALMIERI

MUHLENBERG

New Tripoli man given scholarship

Quentin Bernhard of New Tripoli, a member of the Class of 2020, recently received the Dr. Victor L. Johnson Scholarship during Muhlenberg College's annual honors convocation designed

to honor and celebrate leadership and scholarly excellence and achievement.

The awards recognize select members of the faculty and student body for their contributions to the college, to their peers and to their disciplines.

This is awarded annually to a rising junior history major considered deserving by the history department, given in honor of the late Emeritus Professor of History Dr. Victor L. Johnson.

Homemade tractor



PRESS PHOTO BY ELSA KERSCHNER

Lester Backenstoos displayed this homemade tractor at the Weisenberg-Lowhill Historical Society Fall Festival on Sept. 8.

At the fair

Previous Allentown Fair queens gathered at this year's Great Allentown Fair and were serenaded by Glenn Miller to the theme of the "Miss America Pageant." Queens included Margarita (Munoz) Dewalt, 2011; Jen Mickley, 2012; Erin Schantzenbach, 2013; Rachel Bennicoff, 2014; Aliza Nyce, 2015; Juliet Long, 2016; McKenzie Hagenbuch, reigning queen; and Elizabeth Voight, 2018 Pennsylvania State Fair Queen.

**PRESS PHOTOS BY
LOU WHEELAND**



Looking Ahead to November

Friday, November 2 – Prepare for Oyster Supper

Saturday, November 3 – Oyster Supper, serving 3:00 to 7:00pm

Sunday, November 4 – All Saints Sunday

Friday-Sunday, November 9, 10, 11 – Adult Retreat at Twin Pines

Wednesday, November 21 – Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00pm



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Stephen Ministry is a free service.

*Jacob's church currently has seven Stephen Ministers in training and they will be ready to serve Jacob's Church in this caring ministry in January 2019.

JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

September 27, 2018

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

A private celebration was held on Saturday, September 22.

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

The Stephen Ministry staff trainings were held in the center on September, Thursday 6 and 27.

The Home School Co-op were in session on Monday, September 10 and 17; beginning at 9:30am, ending approximately at 11:30am.

The Revolution Twirlers started their 2018-2019 practice schedule on Friday, September 7, beginning at 6:00pm and ending at approximately at 9:00pm. The group will continue to use the center on Fridays.

The annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 30 after church service. The 2018-2019 KFC group started their weekly meetings on Wednesday, September 5; the 2018-2019 FUEL group began their weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 4. The Youth Praise Team held practices on Monday, September 10 and 24.

An Oyster Supper meeting was held in the Activity Center kitchen on Tuesday, September 4.

God Bless You,

Faye M Foulk

Jacob's Church Schedule in Church

OCTOBER 2018

	1 7:30pm Church Board Meeting	2 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	3 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	4 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15am Blended Worship Service. Holy Communion	8 7:00pm Elders Meeting in Parish House	9 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	10 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	11 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13
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28 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15am Harvest Home Harvest Home	29	30 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	31 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal		

Jacob's Church Activity Center Schedule **October** **2018**

	1 Home School Coop 9:30-11:30am SMT 1:00-3:30pm	2 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am FUEL 6:00-8:30PM	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7-8:30am KFC 6-8:15pm	4 Step-UP 7-9 FENSTERMAKER HOUSE	5 Set up for Wedding	6 Wedding reception
7 Wedding Clean UP	8 Home School Coop 9:30-11:30am Youth Group	9 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am FUEL – 6:00-8:30PM	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7-8:30am KFC 6-8:15PM	11 Step-UP 7-9 FENSTERMAKER HOUSE	12 TWIRLERS 6-9	13 Ladies Retreat 7:30-3:30PM Private Celebration in Church Basement
14 Private Celebration	15 Home School Coop 9:30-11:30am SMT 1:00-3:30pm	16 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am FUEL-6:00-8:30PM	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7-8:30am KFC 6-8:15PM	18 Step-UP 7-9 FENSTERMAKER HOUSE SMT 9:30-12:00pm	19 TWIRLERS 6-9	20 Private Celebration
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28 Movie Night TBA	29 Home School Coop 9:30-11:30am SMT 1-3:30pm	30 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am FUEL-6:00-8:30PM	31 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7-8:30am KFC 6-8:15PM			

