

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

"MEETING NEW CHALLENGES IN 2019"

Then the Lord told him, "Now I am going to send you to Pharaoh, to demand that he let you lead my people out of Egypt." "But, I'm not the person for a job like that!" Moses exclaimed. Then God told him, "I will certainly be with you, and this is the proof that I am the one who is sending you; When you have led the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God here upon this mountain!" Exodus 3:10-12 L.B.

I'm sure we have all seen the Navy Promotional Poster which states, "It's Not Just A Job, It's An Adventure!" Life indeed is an adventure for those willing to face the challenges which present themselves. Some people thrive on meeting new challenges and the opportunity to learn. Others, however, are fearful of being in a new situation and the challenge which follow. Like Moses who was chosen to lead the Israelites out of the cruel bondage of Egypt we exclaim, "But I'm not the person for a job like that!"

I'm convinced that the greatest reason people fear a new challenge is because they lose perspective and get overwhelmed. Even though God promised to be with Moses, he was overwhelmed at the very thought of speaking to Pharaoh. Perhaps right now you are afraid of a new challenge which has come your way. If that is the situation you find yourself in, try to get the problem in perspective. For example, Moses could have said, "Well Pharaoh is strong and powerful, but my God is stronger than him." When faced with a new situation, which at first seems almost impossible to handle, I commit the problem to prayer. With a new strength and determination, I then begin to tackle the problem. So often I discover that the fears I had were not gigantic, but were really quite small.

With hard work, and faith in God we do not have to fear the new challenges which come our way. Remember, "we have nothing to fear, but fear itself," With the vision God has given us at Jacob's Church of being "The Church on A Hill, Shining Forth for Jesus Christ," "we cannot afford to let fear or anything else stand in our way of sharing the saving love of Jesus Christ with others. I promise all of you that God will challenge us in 2019 to be a faithful church worthy of bearing the name of His Son. With the same faith as the Apostle Paul who stated in Philippians 4:12 "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me," may we be equal to the new challenges of 2019.

God Bless You! Pastor Shay

Jacob's Church Annual Congregational Meeting

December 2, 2018

1. Mike Madtes was recommended for the position as Elder by the Church Board. No further nominations were presented. A motion was made by Cindy Kuhns that Mike Madtes be elected as Elder and was seconded by Ginger Johri. The motion carried.
2. Jim Moyer and Ginger Moyer were recommended for the position of Deacons on the Church Board. Ed Sawyer was nominated by Michael Sacks and Ed Sawyer accepted the nomination. First vote results as follows: Jim Moyer 52, Ginger Moyer 33 and Ed Sawyer 33. Jim Moyer was elected for his second term as Deacon. A second tie breaker vote was held between Ginger Moyer and Ed Sawyer. Second vote results as follows: Ginger Moyer 28, Ed Sawyer 34. Ed Sawyer was elected as Deacon for his first term.
3. Expense Reports was issued to all Congregants present. Pastor Shay's salary package total: \$62,700 which is separated as follows.
 - Pastor's Salary: \$28,700.00
 - Pastor's Housing Allowance: \$11,000.00
 - Pastor's Social Security Taxes: \$4,923.00
 - Pastor's Medicare Taxes: \$1,151.00
 - Pastor's Mileage: \$2,500.00
 - Pastor's Pension: \$5,558.00
 - Pastor's Insurance and Administrative Fees: \$8,868.00A motion to accept the Expense Reports was made by Joan Oswald and seconded by Ed Sawyer. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made to close the Congregational Meeting by Charlie Kaley and seconded by Michael Sacks. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Solomon Johri

Jacob's Church Board Minutes

December 3, 2018

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Dave Zoghby, Mike Follweiler, Ron Belknap

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

Treasurer: David Follweiler

Youth Leader: Tad Schlegel

Visitors: Curtis Stoudt, Edward Sawyer

1. Pastor Shay opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Tad Schlegel reports on Youth Group. KFC is slow with 5 children attending. FUEL is doing well. Step up is going well. Discussed doing a mission project, Winter Jam in February, Blue Mountain tubing in March. Asked Board for permission to build a Lego wall where the bulletin board is in the meeting room of the activity center. A motion was made by Jim Moyer to allow the Lego wall to be built and was seconded by Dick Oswald. The motion carried.
3. Tad Schlegel report that Ginger Moyer is running and updating the website. She and Tad will be working on Pod Casts of Pastor Shay 's sermons.
4. The Board would like to recognize and thank Corrine Bast and Faye Foulk for providing refreshments for the end of Dave Zoghby's term as an Elder.
5. The Board set December 30, 2018 as instillation of Board Members.
6. Pastor Shay informed the Board of his upcoming vacation Monday January 7 to Wednesday January 16.

7. Pastor Shay asked for a love offering on December 16 for Mohan Ram.
8. Life Choices is still looking for a liaison from Jacob's Church.
9. Praise Music - Pastor Shay presented an e-mail he wrote after the last Elder's Meeting. The Elders have recommending flip flopping traditional and contemporary praise music with the intention of them being merged in the near future. A meeting will be set between Board liaisons and the Praise and Worship Team to present the Board's plan. Liaisons for the Board are Jim Moyer, Pastor Shay and Dave Zoghby.
10. The Music Committee will be asked to draft a vision and restructure plan for the Music Program.
11. Treasure's Reports was presented by David Follweiler as follows:

Balance at November 2018 meeting:		\$30,067.04
Income	\$22,119.10	
Expenses	\$24,750.09	
Balance at December 2018 Meeting:		\$27,436.05

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

12. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the November 2018 meeting was made by Dick Oswald and seconded by Mike Follweiler. The motion carried.
13. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Belknap and seconded by Jared Hermany. The Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Solomon Johri

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Monday, February 4, 2019.
Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, February 11, 2019.

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 November 2018:

December 2	\$4,833.25
December 9	\$4,894.00
December 16	\$5,801.50
December 23	\$3,987.00
December 24	\$3,328.00
December 30	\$6,938.47

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – December	\$207,380.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – December	\$240,599.01
Amount Over Budget for January – December	\$ 33,219.01

February Jacob's Church Commitments.... thank you for serving

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 February

February 3 Bob and Janine Oplinger

February 10 Ed/Tracy/Andrew Sawyer

February 17 Richard/Joan Oswald

February 24 Altar Committee

Greeters/Ushers for February

February 3 Corinne Bast and Robert Nester
Carolyn and Gary Krick

February 10 Church Board

February 17 Tom and Faye Foulk
Michael and Leann Sacks

February 24 Confirmation Class
Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

Puppet Ministry
Ginger Johri and Rose Moyer
Sunday, February 10, 2019
Sunday, February 24, 2019



Scripture Readers for February

February 3 Cindy Kuhns

February 10 Ralph Hill

February 17 Richard Oswald

February 24 Marie Muth

Acolyte for February is Ethan Danner *February Wedding Anniversaries*

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

Bruce and Cheryl Fidler
Neil and Mary Ann Oswald
Richard and Joan Oswald
Jay and Rachael Scheffler



What's Happening in February?

WINTER HOLY COMMUNION: Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, February 10th during the 10:15AM worship service. Communion will be served in the pew that morning. Plan to attend this special service.



LADIES NIGHT OUT will be held on Monday, February 11th at 7:30pm in the Activity Center. Cake and Comedy Night! Come and be blessed. Contact Ginger Moyer at 610.468.5295 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE meeting was rescheduled. To be held on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 7:00PM in the church parlor area. Anyone interested in assisting with special events such as Easter Egg Hunt, please attend.

AN INVITATION ***Commissioning Service***



On **Sunday, February 3**, during the worship service, our congregation will commission our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers. Throughout history, when God has called people to special ministry, members of their community have commissioned them for the important new work they are taking on. Now we invite you to help carry on that biblical tradition by being a part of commissioning those who have responded to God's call to be part of our congregation's Stephen Ministry.

This commissioning service offers an opportunity to show our support for this ministry. Our Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers will be depending on our support in the time ahead as they assume the duties of their ministry. How can we help?

We can be *ministers of referral*, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care. We all can give our enthusiastic support by keeping Stephen Ministry always before us and by praying for and affirming those who have answered God's call to serve in this way.

Youth News!

Tad Schlegel – Youth Leader - 717.644.1153 – tad836@yahoo.com

Youth Schedule for February

- Jr. High Youth (FUEL) - Tuesday, February 5, 12, 19, 26 at 6:00 pm in Activity Center
- Kids For Christ (KFC) - Wednesday, February 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6:00 pm in Activity Center
- Young Adults (STEP-UP) - Thursday, February 7, 21 and 28 at 7:00pm in Fenstermaker House

- Winter Jam is scheduled for Thursday, February 14. Update on the bus schedule for Winter Jam!
- 1:15-1:30pm the bus will be picking up students in the High School Parking Lot.
- 1:30-1:35pm the bus will be making a stop at the church to pick up others (Please be there by 1:30pm)
- 2pm the bus will be picking up students at the Kempton Fire Company.
- After the concert the bus will be dropping the students off at their homes.
- If you have any questions, please call Tad at 717.644.1153.

LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Harrison Bernhard goes for a takedown against Northern Lehigh's Joseph Abidelli. Bernhard won the match by fall in 3:58

Congratulations Harrison!



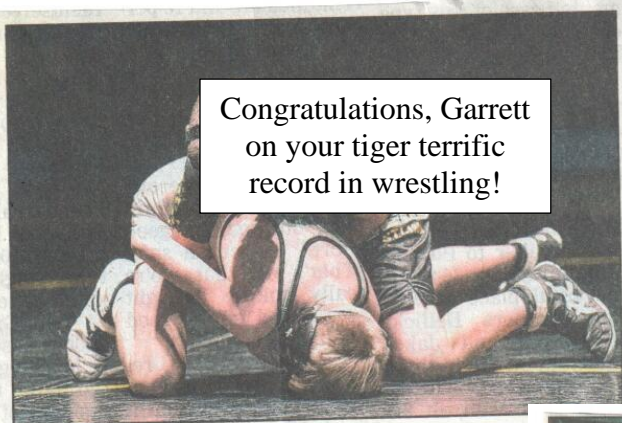
You Rock, Sydney!
I had a taste of your cakes!
YUMMY!

WINTER JAM



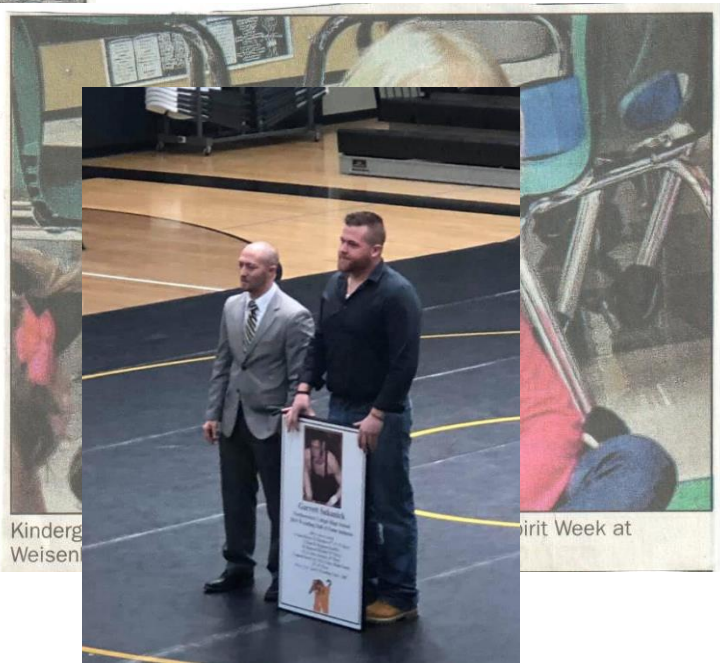
Fitness and wellness teacher Jordan Smith is looking forward to playing basketball for the fundraiser hosted by Patty Mengel and NWL Student Council.

Eli Dellicker was one of several Tigers that wrestled well at Saturday's Zephyr Duals.



Congratulations, Garrett on your tiger terrific record in wrestling!

PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ



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Congratulations,
Kevin!
Great Pull

Pretty in Pink,
Collins!



If anyone has happenings in their school district, and you wish to be included in Jacob's Ladder, please forward to Faye Foulk at Novaps@aol.com or an in-person delivery would be great also!

Notes of Thanks!

THANK YOU FROM DAVE AND KATIE BRINDLEY-Dear Jacob's Church, Dave and I want to thank you so very much for your very generous end of the year gift. We are so incredibly grateful for God's provision through you! We are so grateful for your partnership; for your prayers for our ministry and family and also for your giving. As we move forward with our goal, is to bring churches and Christians together to help solve and bring God's love to the greatest problems in Philadelphia. As we continue in this would you please pray for unity and wisdom. These are our greatest prayer needs right now. Thank you so much! Love, Dave and Katie

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE MATTHIAS FAMILY – for continuing their family tradition of sending Jacob’s Church a note of happenings in Covington, LA. This is their 32nd Christmas letter. May God continue to bless Joel and Betty Matthias and Family.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM

January 16, 2019

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to Samaritan’s Purse and your partnership in helping people around the world in Jesus’ Name. We are deeply grateful.

In all that we do, our goal is to share God’s love and the hope of the Gospel with people who need to hear, and your support helps to make this possible. As Jesus said, *“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost”* (Luke 19:10). May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,



Looking Ahead

to March

1 – Make Fasnachts –

March 2 – Prepare
Customer pick up

Sunday, March 3 – Fasnachts customer pick up
Monday, March 4 – Jacob’s Church Board Meeting – 7:30PM
Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday/Holy Communion – 7:00PM
Monday, March 11 – Jacob’s Elder’s Meeting – 7:00PM

Friday, March
TBA
Saturday,
Fasnachts and

Fasnachts

-----**March 2, 2019**-----

\$8.00 One Dozen Doughnuts

\$4.00 Half-Dozen Doughnuts

CHOOSE PLAIN OR BROWN SUGAR/CINNAMON

Pre-Order Your Fasnachts Now!

PRE-ORDER BY FEBRUARY 22, 2019

CALL RUTH KALEY AT 610.562.7406 OR FAYE BILLIG AT 610.298.2271

PICK UP Saturday, March 2nd, from 1pm-4pm

or Sunday, March 3rd, from 8:30am -10:00am or 11:30am-1:00pm

JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER

2019 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday/Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 13 6:00PM Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
7:00PM Bible Study on Revelation

Wednesday, March 20 6:00PM Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
7:00PM Bible Study on Revelation

Wednesday, March 27 6:00PM Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
7:00PM Bible Study on Revelation

Wednesday, April 3 6:00PM Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
7:00PM Bible Study on Revelation

Wednesday, April 10 6:00PM Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
7:00PM Bible Study on Revelation

Saturday, April 13 Jacob's Church Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 14 10:15AM Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 17 6:00PM Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
7:00PM Bible Study on Revelation

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Friday, April 19 Jacob's Church Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 21 9:00AM Easter Sunday (Pew Communion) Service

JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

January 23, 2019

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

Private celebrations were held on Saturday, January 19 and 26; Sunday, January 20 in the church.

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.

A Stephen Minister staff training was held in the center on Thursday, January 10. Starting on Thursday, February 21 and thereafter the staff will use the center the first and third Thursday of each month, 1:00-3:30pm for supervisory and continued education classes.

The Home School Co-op were in session on Monday, January 7, 14, 21; no session on Monday, January 21 due the holiday and bad weather; the sessions begin at 9:30am and ending approximately at 11:30am.

The Kutztown Revolution Twirlers held practices on Friday, December 7, 14, 21 and 28, beginning at 6:00pm and ending at approximately at 9:00pm. The group also used the center on Saturday, January 12, 1:00-4:00pm for practice.

The KFC youth group held meetings on Wednesday, January 9, 16, 23 and 30. The FUEL youth group held meetings on Tuesday, January 8, 15, 22 and 29. No meetings were held the week of January 1st. STEP-UP used the Fenstermaker House on Monday, January 7 and 14; Thursday, January 24 and 31.

NYAA Soccer Teams scheduled practices on Monday, January 7, 14, 21 and 28; Thursday, January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; starting approximately at 6:00pm and ending at 8:00pm.

NYAA Softball has scheduled practices on Sunday, January 6, 13, 27. The practice was cancelled on Sunday, January 20 due to weather.

God Bless You,
Faye M Foulk

Jacob's Church Schedule in Church

February 2019

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3 9am Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15am Blended Worship Service/Commission Service/Fellowship	4 7:30pm Church Board Meeting	5 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool Healing Prayer Group 7:00pm in Parish House	6 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	7 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9
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Jacob's Church Activity Center Schedule February					2019

					1 TWIRLERS 6-9	2 Private Celebration
3 NYAA Softball 1-5pm	4 Home School Coop 9:30- 11:30am NYAA Soccer 6-8pm	5 Sisters of Esther 9:00- 11:30am FUEL – 6:00- 8:30PM	6 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7- 8:30am KFC 6-8:15PM	7 NYAA Soccer 6-8pm Step-Up 7-9 FENSTERMAKER HOUSE	8 TWIRLERS 6-9	9
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