

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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Dear Members of our Jacob's Church Family,

So many changes in our lives have happened due to the COVID19 Pandemic. "Social Distancing" has forced all of us and every business and institution to "think outside the box." Our dear Jacob's Church is no exception. As I write this article, it has now been two months since we met for worship in our sanctuary. However, we must remember the words of my Easter Sermon "the pews are empty, but so is the tomb!" Yes, Jesus is alive and by his glorious resurrection he conquered all evil and darkness, Praise God!

Our 2020 Confirmation Class was also affected by the situation we are facing. But, by the grace of God the following five young people will be confirmed into the membership of Jacob's Church in the near future: **Ryan Bergenstock, Ethan Danner, Andrew Sawyer, Cody Utt and Khrystyna Van Blargan.**

May each of us read the Order of Confirmation from the Evangelical and Reformed Book of Worship and rededicate our lives to Christ and His Church.

The Minister shall announce the names of the confirmands, who shall then present themselves at the chancel. *The Minister shall say:*

OUR Lord Jesus Christ said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

DEARLY, Beloved; Following the example of the Apostles of our Lord, the Church bestows upon those who have been baptized, and have been properly instructed, the blessing of Confirmation by prayer and the laying on of hands.

In this sacred ordinance you, on your part renew and ratify the promise and vow made in your Baptism, whilst the Church, in God's stead, claims you publicly for his service, blesses you in his name, confirms you in his covenant, and invokes upon you in larger measure the Holy Spirit by whose help alone you are able to fulfill your vows by leading holy and obedient lives.

Do you now, in the presence of God and this congregation, renounce the vain pomp and glory of the world, the lust of the flesh, and all evil works and ways?

Answer. I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Answer. I do.

Do you promise according to the grace given you, to live a Christian life, and always to remain a faithful member of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. I do.

Profess now your faith before God and this congregation.

Here, the Congregation standing, the confirmands, led by the Minister, shall repeat the Apostles' Creed, as follows:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

The Confirmands shall kneel and the rite of Confirmation shall take place. The Minister, with the laying on of hands shall say,

THE very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

or

DEFEND, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace; that he may continue thine forever; and daily increase in the Holy Spirit, until he come into thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Let us Pray.

WE give thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, for the great goodness thou has been pleased to show toward *these thy servants* by giving *them* power this day to accept for *themselves* thy covenant of salvation. And now, O Lord, we beseech thee, perfect the good work which thou has begun in *them*. Keep *them* from the evil that is in the world. Make *them* faithful unto death, that no man may take from *them*, the crown of life. And grant, that having continued thus steadfast in faith and hope to the end, *they* may be counted worthy to be joined with thy saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

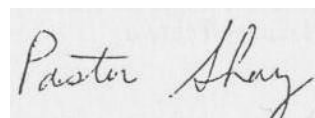
The Confirmands shall rise, and the Minister, extending the right hand of fellowship, shall say,

I NOW receive and welcome you into the fellowship of this congregation, and invite you to partake of the Holy Communion, and to participate in all the privileges and obligations of the Church of Christ.

The Minister shall say,

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

God Bless You!



Jacob's Church Board Meeting
April 6, 2020

Attendance:

Pastor Scott Shay

Elders- Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler, Mike Madtes

Deacons- Jim Moyer, Jared Hermany, Tom Danner, Kevin Dellicker, Solomon Johri

Youth Leader- Tad Schlegel

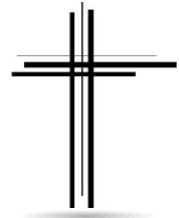
Visitor- Faye Foulk, Administration Assistant

1. Tad Schlegel opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Property Committee- Jared Hermany - nothing new to report.
3. Youth Group- Tad Schlegel - trying to have Zoom meetings weekly.
4. Web/Social Media/Podcasts- Tad Schlegel - Earl Phillips paid for a streaming license to allow us to Podcast. Preparing for Good Friday Service with each person involved.
5. Security Committee- Mike Madtes - nothing new to report.
6. Campout- Ron Belknap - still planning to hold it at this point.
7. Stimulus Plan- Kevin Dellicker - reports he has investigated part of the government stimulus package to pay wages while on lock down. A motion was made by Mike Madtes to have Dave Follweiler fill out the paperwork and was seconded by Kevin Dellicker. The motion carried. A motion was made Mike Follweiler to allow Dave Follweiler to contact the accountant if questions arise from documentation for a small fee and was seconded by Solomon Johri. The motion carried.
8. Membership Calling Program- Pastor Shay - people are letting him know they are blessed by the call.
9. Easter Service- Pastor Shay and Tad Schlegel - service will be held as it has since quarantine. Blessing of the elements for online communion will be done after the sermon on Easter Sunday.
10. Letter to the Congregation- Pastor Shay - presented a letter to be sent to the congregation to ask that offerings continue despite quarantine. A motion to accept the letter was made by Solomon Johri to accept the letter as read and seconded by Jim Moyer. The motion carried.
11. Confirmation Class- Pastor Shay and Tad Schlegel - Pastor Shay would like to send a letter to all the confirmands to let them know he is available for phone tutorials. A study guide for the final exam will be added to the letter. Confirmation is scheduled for May 31, 2020
12. March Minutes- A motion was made by Jared Hermany to accept the minutes as read and was seconded by Tom Danner. The motion carried.
13. Treasurer's Report- tabled Treasurer's Report and we will review at May 2020 meeting.
14. Pastor Shay ended the meeting with a prayer.
15. A motion to close the meeting was made by Jared Hermany and seconded by Solomon Johri. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Solomon Johri

Next Jacob's Church Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Thursday, May 28, 2020

Next Jacob's Church Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, June 8, 2020



At our December 22, 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,458.00 per week in order to meet our 2020 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in April 2020:

April	\$22,406.00
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-April	\$75,786.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-April	\$68,483.00
Amount Under Budget for January-April	\$ 7,303.00

Jacob's Church Commitments for June..... 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 June

-
- June 7** Foulk, Grandson, Greyson
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- June 14** Jacob's Altar Committee
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- June 21** Jacob's Altar Committee (Father's Day)
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- June 28** Foulk, Grandson, Dominic
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A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT has been placed in Jacobs Union Cemetery in memory of Verdie Bailey.



Puppet Ministry in June

Sunday, June 7, 2020
 Sunday, June 28, 2020
 (Ginger Johri and Rose Moyer)

Scripture Readers for June

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- June 7** TBA
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- June 14** TBA
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- June 21** TBA
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- June 28** TBA
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Greeters/Ushers for June

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- June 7** Jacob's Church Board
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- June 14** Jacob's Church Board
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- June 21** Jacob's Church Board
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- June 28** Jacob's Church Board
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- Greeters should be at church by 9:45am**
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Congratulations and Best Wishes to the following couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in June:

Duane and Rebecca Bertsch
Robert and Cheryl Boyer
Jeremy and Sheena Crone
Justin and Jade Dahiquist
Aaron Foulk and Ronee Wright
Robert and Kay Greenawalt
Ryan and Gail Hamm
Slade and Kinsey Hermany

Adam and Kelly Krick
Steven ad Kristen Kunkel
Perry and Liz Long
Lester and Linda Lutz
Michael and Suzanne Moyer Sr.
Allen and Judy Newhard
Jeff and Cathy Peter
Christopher and Kerry Phillips
Michael and Sheila Sacks

The following young men and woman will be members of our Jacob's Church Family as soon as possible

Ryan Timothy Bergenstock, son of Keith and Jennifer Bergenstock of New Tripoli, is presently an 8th grade student at the Northwestern Lehigh Middle School in New Tripoli. He hopes to attend college in the future and use his gifts to help people in need.

Ethan James Danner, son of Thomas and Candice Danner, brother of Caleb, Isaiah, and Lydia Danner of New Tripoli, He is presently a 9th grade student at Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School. Ethan plans to use his skills of service to help others in his community and church family.

Andrew Edward Sawyer, son of Edward and Tracy Sawyer, brother of Emily and Lucas Sawyer of Kempton. He is presently an 8th grade student at the Northwestern Lehigh Middle School in New Tripoli. Future plans consist of Vo-Tech, proceeded by Lehigh Carbon Community College to study Automotive Technology. And to be diligent in the word of our Lord by using skills gifted to him to help needy people.

Cody Allen Utt, son of Kevin and Heather Utt and brother of Sydney Utt of New Tripoli. He is presently a 7th grade student at Northwestern Lehigh Middle School in New Tripoli. He plans to go to trade school for machine shop and welding. He will use his gifts of helping others in volunteering as needed.

Khrystyna Irene Van Blargan, daughter of Timothy & Mary Van Blargan and sister of Khalan Van Blargan of Tamaqua, is presently a homeschooled 6th grade student. In the future she wants to attend Penn State University to receive a Degree in Engineering. Her gifts are helping, listening, and comforting.

What's Happening at Jacob's Church

Due to the COVID-19 situation all ministries are tentative and will be updated on a weekly basis. Jacob's Church Board will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will follow guidance from public health officials and government agencies. Please check the Jacob's Church Website, Facebook, WFMZ Channel 69 News. Please do not hesitate to call Pastor Shay at 610.298.2602 or Pastoral Assistant, Tad Schlegel at 717.644.1153. Prayers for continued health. God Bless you and yours.

DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING PLEASE JOIN Pastor Shay, Tad Schlegel, Brenda Phillips, Andrea Hermany and children at Jacob's Church Video Podcast Service each Sunday at 10:00AM. This is located on the Jacob's Church Website.

SISTERS OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY meet **Tuesday** mornings in the Activity Center **9:30AM-11:30AM**. Contact Eileen Myers at 610.751.2594.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRY meet on **Tuesday** evenings at **6:30PM** in the Church Parlor. For more information, please contact Diane Wertman at 484.330.1033.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meet on **Wednesday** mornings starting at **7:00AM** and ending approximately at **8:30AM**. Contact Ralph Hill at 610.767.1286.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY GROUP meet on **Wednesday** evenings starting at **7:00PM**. Contact Richard Oswald at 484.707.9580 or Pastor Shay at 610.298.2602.

A MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY GROUP has started meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM via ZOOM. If interested, please contact Kevin Dellicker at 484.788.1221.

CHOIR REHEARSAL is held on **Thursday** evenings at **7:30PM**. If interested in joining the choir, please contact Brenda Phillips at 484.515.1756.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND – any Jacob's Church member who will be attending college in the fall is encouraged to obtain the 2020 guidelines and outline (contains essay questions) to apply for a portion of Jacob's Church Scholarship Fund. Please contact Donna Smith at goal1355@yahoo.com or Ron Belknap at rbelknap@protocam.com to receive the necessary information. Deadline to apply is **Monday, June 1, 2020**.



GRADUATES TO BE HONORED during the morning worship service! **All College and High School Graduates who are members of Jacob's Church will be honored and presented with a gift.** Anyone having a graduate in their family please contact Church Secretary, Faye Foulk at 610.751.5742 or Novaps@aol.com. Due to the current situation this special occasion will be held at a later date. Everyone involved will be informed with the date ASAP. Thank you.



Ladies NIGHT OUT

LADIES NIGHT OUT will be held tentatively on **Monday, June 8th at 7:00PM** in the Activity Center. Come and be blessed! Contact Kayla Fusselman at 610.844.1567 for more information.

JACOB'S ROUND UP is postponed! Scheduling for Fall 2020 or Spring 2021



SHINEFEST IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020

NEW 2020-2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin in September 2020. If you are interested in joining this class, please contact **Pastor Shay at 610.298.2602 or Pastoral Assistant, Tad Schlegel at 717.644.1153**. Students must be in at least the 7th Grade to attend this class

YOUTH NEWS!



Jr. High Youth (FUEL) Grades 6th-12th – Ended for the summer

Kids for Christ (KFC) Grades K-5th – Ended for the summer

STEP-UP (Grades 8th-12th) – Ended for the summer

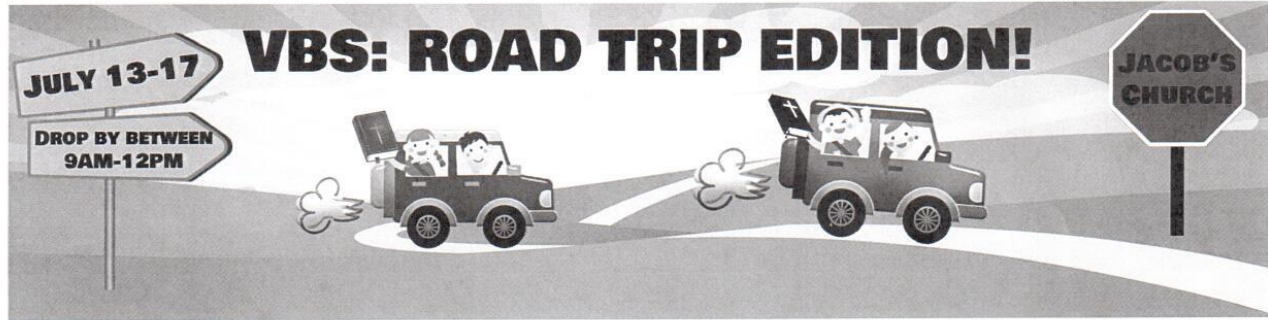
Have a great summer and please keep in touch, **Tad Schlegel, Youth Leader - 717.644.1153 or tad836@yahoo.com**

JACOB'S CHURCH LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL 2020-2021



JACOB'S CHURCH LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL We have come to the end of another wonderful school year full of blessings and some unexpected happenings! We have loved watching these little ones grow. We do still have a couple of Pre-K (four-year-old) spots available for the 2020-2021 school year. Email Jill at jsabo615@aol.com to register. We continue to pray for your health and strength to get through this difficult time. Have a great summer! See you in September!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!



Introducing..... "VBS: Road Trip Edition!"

Join us from July 13-17th for a Bible Road Trip like NEVER before! Jacob's Church is hosting our first ever drive through Vacation Bible School!

Drop by anytime between 9AM and 12PM during the week of July 13-17 to participate in this new edition of VBS!

Your family will road trip through a message, a memory verse song, and a skit/puppet show, while never leaving your car! You will end with your fuel for a perfect day - a take home bag filled with snacks, crafts, and activities to enjoy at home!

This drive through event is perfect for children of all ages!

REGISTER NOW!

bit.ly/jacobsvbs20

FATHER'S DAY, Sunday, June 21th

Fathers will be honored during our worship service.



What Makes A Dad....

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it.....DAD
Author Unknown



NOTES OF THANKS!

*Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever. Psalm 106:1*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Pastor Shay, Tad Schlegel, Brenda Phillips and Andrea Hermany and children for putting together the Video Podcast service each Sunday. It is a blessing to all!

A SINCERE THANK YOU to the Prayer Ministry Partners/Callers Outreach during COVID19. Thank you for thinking of us and taking the time out of your schedule to check in once a week. Greatly appreciated!

**Thank
You!**

LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!



Eugene visiting Fusselman's beehives



Michael Schlegel enjoying Leaser Lake



Happy Anniversary Bruce and Loretta Peters



Happy Birthday Sophia Sacks



Happy Anniversary Earl and Brenda



Happy Birthday, Reeves Moyer



Joan and Richard Oswald styling COVID19 masks



Donna and Ron Smith supporting a local business with others



Samuel Sacks hanging out with Mom, Sheila



Happy Anniversary
Tad and Lauren Schlegel



Happy Anniversary
Orin and Ginger Moyer



Photo by
Kayla Fusselman



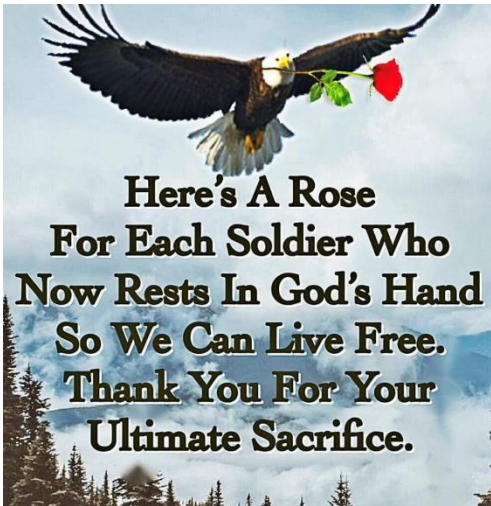
Andrew Sawyer
Happy with his grade



Ryan Bergenstock
Rocks the exam



Khrystyna Van Blargan
Aced the exam



Jared Silva
biking for a cause



Kayla Fusselman
All smiles on a sunny day

Looking Ahead to



Thursday, July 2 – Stephen Ministers Meeting – 1:00PM-3:30PM

Saturday, July 4 – Independence Day

Monday, July 6 - Jacob's Church Board Meeting – 7:30PM

Monday, July 13 – Jacob's Church Elders Meeting – 7:00PM

Monday, July 13 – Ladies Night Out! – 7:00PM

Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17 – Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 16 – Stephen Ministers Meeting – 1:00PM-3:30PM

Monday, July 20 – Special Events Committee Meeting – 7:00PM

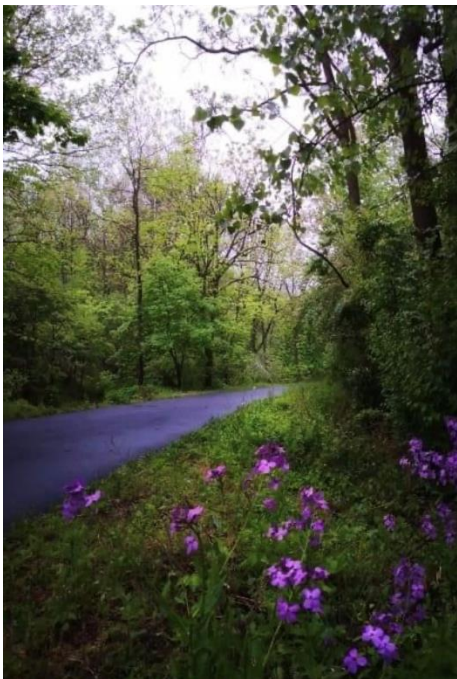


Photo by Jane Roberts



Photo by Leann Sacks

To: Northwestern Lehigh Church Families

March, 2020

The Northwestern Lehigh Veterans Memorial is continuing to move towards the construction phase in Ontelaunee Park. The attached architect's rendering shows the latest design for the memorial.

The essential piece needed to complete the design is the number of names that will be engraved on the granite panels so that the size of the memorial footprint can be determined. **Our area churches are the most important source for veteran's names from your archives, memorials and cemeteries.**

To date, 1725 names of Veterans have been entered in our data base. **The committee has set July 4th, 2020 as the deadline for accepting names** for engraving on the granite panels. Veteran's names will be engraved, in alphabetical order, on the panel that shows the time period in which they served.

Names received after July 4th may be added after construction is complete. Unfortunately, they will have to be placed where space is available on the panels which, will detract from the alphabetical order and make it more difficult to locate the Veteran's name.

An important consideration for the memorial design is the ability to add names of future veterans thereby including our youth who will answer the call to serve in future conflicts. In doing so, this memorial will perpetually honor the service of all our veterans from the birth of our Nation into the future, recognizing the on-going struggle to protect our individual and religious freedoms.

Our website, <http://nwlehighvetismemorial.org>, shows the design and progress toward securing donations required to build the memorial. The symbolism of all the features designed into the memorial is explained. The website lists the names of all veterans that have been submitted to date, the Rules for Engraving and application form to submit Veteran's names. **There is NO FEE to submit a Veteran's name to be included on the memorial before construction begins.**

Thank You,
The Memorial Committee



The Memorial Committee is still missing many names, please take the time to check out the website to see if your love ones are listed (website is listed above). If not, please send information to Faye Foulk at Novaps@aol.com. A picture of the memorial design is located on the bulletin board in the west vestibule. Please take the time to reach out to your family members. The committee does not want to miss anyone!

JACOB'S CHURCH

ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

“THE CHURCH ON A HILL, SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST”

May 20, 2020

All activities scheduled for the month of May were cancelled due to the COVID19 Pandemic.

The Stephen Ministry Group held their meetings via ZOOM.

When we put our problems in God's hands, he puts peace in our hearts.

If anyone would like to receive the Jacob's Church Newsletter via email, please send me an email address to novaps@aol.com. Thank you

Stay healthy.
God Bless You, Faye M Foulk



Riley Foulk
Social Distancing



Bryce and Riley Foulk
working at their
great-grandmother's house

Jacob's Church Tentative Scheduled Activities

June 2020

	1 Jacob's Church Board 7:30pm	2 6:30pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	3 7pm Mid-Week Bible Study	4 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 9am Sunday School 10:15am Blended Worship Service Graduation Sunday	8 Jacob's Church Elders Meeting 7:00pm	9 6:30pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	10 7pm Mid-Week Bible Study	11 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 9am Sunday School 10:15am Blended Worship Service	15	16 6:30pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	17 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	18 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 9am Sunday School 10:15am Blended Worship Service Father's Day	22	23 6:30pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	24 7pm Mid-week Bible Study	25 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	26	27
28 9am Sunday School 10:15am Blended Worship Service	29	30 6:30pm Freedom in Christ Ministry				

Jacob's Church Tentative Activity Center Schedule

June 2020

	1	2 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30am	4 Stephen Ministry 1:00-3:30pm	5	6
7	8 Ladies Night Out! 7:00PM	9 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30am	11	12	13 Private Celebration
14	15	16 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30am	18 Stephen Ministry 1:00-3:30pm	19	20
21	22	23 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am	24 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30am	25	26	27
28	29	30 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am				

