

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 EPISTLE

“Give Thanks in All Circumstances”

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:6-7

How many of you have ever been anxious before?

Maybe you were anxious because of something that occurred at work, something that occurred at school, maybe finances, a relationship, health issues, among many other things. Maybe you're anxious about entering a new year and what the future holds. Whatever, it may be we have all experienced times of being anxious.

According to Sarah D. Rees, a cognitive behavioral therapist, “As soon as you begin to feel anxious for any reason your thinking narrows, creating a cognitive tunnel that forces you to focus on the threat.” To focus on the worries, the fears, the anxieties.

So, what are we supposed to do as Christians in the face of fear and anxiety?

Well, according to Philippians 4:6:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God”

In other words, the answer to anxiety and fear is prayer. So, if you are feeling anxious because of the future, pray. If you are feeling anxious because of where this country is headed, pray. If you are feeling worried about the health of a loved one, that this may be their last year here on earth, pray. In every situation bring your needs before God in prayer. And give thanks to our Lord, for he is good. As Romans 8:28 says:

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

In other words, He will bring the best out of the worst situation. He will bring good, according to His will, out of the most difficult of circumstances. So, put your faith in God as God has always been faithful to us.

When we put our faith in God, when we give him our anxieties and fears through prayer and thanksgiving, according to Philippians 5:7:

“The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Anyone that belongs to Christ Jesus, through justification, will experience a peace despite their anxiety. A peace that you won't be able to explain except by looking at Jesus. As Jesus is the source of this peace.

So, if you feel like your life is a mess as you enter this new year, if you feel like you can't see the important things in life because it is so filled with anxiety and fear, bring your prayers and thanksgiving before God.

When we do, **“The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**

God Bless You, Pastor Schlegel

JACOB'S CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Attendance:

Interim Pastor: Tad Schlegel

Elders: Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler, Mike Madtes

Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Kayla Fusselman, Jared Hermany, Solomon Johri, Kaitey Sacks, Ed Sawyer

Treasurer: Dave Follweiler

Visitors: Faye Foulk, Andrea Hermany, Diane Wertman

1. Pastor Schlegel opened in prayer.
 2. Property Report – Jared reports painting has started at Tad’s house, working on replacing roofing as well. Currently looking into paving driveway behind activity center in the new year. Trees have been planted on the playground for shade.
 3. Youth Group – Tad reports no updates for Youth Group. Sidewalk Sunday School is currently on hold due to fall/winter months; planning to start home visits soon as well as monthly parents’ night out. Young Adults has met this month; continuing The Art of Marriage series.
 4. Website/Social Media/Podcast – Kayla reports the ethernet cord is not working, causing streaming issue due to having to use wifi. Tad reports an offer has been made to an individual to redo church website.
 5. Music Director Committee – Susan Ohl has accepted the position as Minister of Music with her first official service on November 6th, 2022. Welcome Susan!
 6. Church Strategic Plan – Kevin is launching a strategic planning ministry to establish church priorities, evaluate church resources and make recommendations regarding worship, facilities and discipleship; welcoming all congregation members Wednesday evenings. Series begins November 16th at 7:00pm, hope to see you there!
 7. Twin Pine Adult Retreat – Ed reports that the adult retreat for this year has been postponed until next year, 2023. Ed is hoping to hold an in church “retreat” one Saturday in January to present the planned lessons from the retreat.
 8. Pastor Topics – Tad reports that new welcome packets are being assembled for new members. Tad and Lauren will be hosting a potluck in the activity center on Thanksgiving, everyone is welcome. Please sign up and bring a covered dish.
 9. Pulpit Committee – Diane reports the committee is in the interviewing process with a new candidate, more details to follow.
 10. Oyster Supper was a success.
 11. Treasurer’s Report – October 2022 Meeting Balance \$40,354.86

Income	\$33,420.89	
Expenses	\$33,840.26	
November 2022 Meeting Balance		\$39,935.49

A motion was made to accept Treasurer’s Report as read, by Ed and seconded by Solomon; motion carried.
 12. Meeting Minutes – A motion was made to accept October’s meeting minutes as read, by Kayla and seconded by Solomon; motion carried.
 13. Next Elders Meeting will be held on November 14th, 2022.
 14. Next Board Meeting will be held on December 5th, 2022.
 15. Congregation Meeting will be held on December 4th, 2022 immediately after service; with a snow date of December 11th, 2022.
 16. 2023 Budget – A motion was made by Mike F. to approve the proposed budget for 2023; seconded by Kayla; motion carried.
 17. Mike F closed in Prayer.
 18. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jared and seconded by Kayla; motion carried.
- Recorded and Submitted by Kaitey Sacks

Next Jacob’s Church Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Monday, January 2, 2023
Next Jacob’s Church Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, January 9, 2023

At our December 5, 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$3,956.00 per week in order to meet our 2022 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in November 2022:

November 6	\$3,678.00
November 13	\$2,471.00
November 20	\$4,002.63
November 24	\$ 661.00
November 27	\$5,905.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-November	\$189,888.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-November	\$186,531.06
Deficit for November 2022	\$ 3,356.94

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. Please do not hesitate to call or text Church Secretary, Faye Foulk at 610-751-5742.

New Year Prayer

Lord,

Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I praise to ***give thanks.***

Thank you for being with me
Every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things ***new***
And for giving me the grace of fresh starts
And ***new beginnings.***

Remind me of your presence in the days to come,
Even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

***To God Be the Glory Forever and Ever,
In Jesus' Name Amen***



MESSAGE FROM REV. SUSAN OHL, MINISTER OF MUSIC

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you very much for calling me to be your Minister of Music. It is a joy to serve the Lord alongside the wonderful people of Jacob's Church.

In the wake of the pandemic, the leadership at Jacob's Church has put a great deal of effort and enthusiasm not only into rebuilding the wonderful ministries of the church but also into helping the membership move forward in fulfilling the command of Jesus to grow the church. Along those lines, the most essential ministry of the church is the worship of Almighty God. Intrinsic to worship is the Ministry of Music.

Jacob's Church has a strong commitment to Music ministry along with a wonderful choir. The choir members are a terrific group of enthusiastic, devoted, personable singers. They exhibit genuine joy as they fulfill their mission to lead the congregation in music at worship.

Can you sing? *I don't* mean: can you sing solos? *I do* mean: do you have a pleasant voice, a good sense of rhythm and can you carry a tune? Do people tell you that you have a nice voice? Have you ever sung in a choir or chorus? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sing in the choir? Are you curious about it? Do you feel the Lord is calling you to serve Him in that capacity?

Anyone, teenager or older, is welcome to sing in the choir. If you want to try it out, you are invited to come to a few rehearsals and see if it is for you. The choir rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Singing in the choir is a commitment, but if God is calling you to sing for Him, it is not only a very satisfying commitment, it is an absolute joy.

As for playing musical instruments, if you have taken lessons, have achieved a good level of proficiency, and would like to use your talent to praise the Lord, please let me know who you are and what you play. (*And please, write your name, phone number and instrument down on a piece of paper and don't rely on my memory.*) Depending on the instrument, there are opportunities to play solos, instrumental parts in anthems and Praise songs, and/or to enhance the playing of the hymns. It would also be great to get small vocal and/or instrumental ensembles together from time to time. Musically talented college students are invited to participate when they are home from school on breaks. The possibilities are many.

Speaking of possibilities, I would love to organize a County Gospel quartet or ensemble. If that sounds interesting to you, please speak with me.

So, as you think about your part in the ministries of Jacob's Church, and if God has blessed you with musical talent, please consider taking part in our Music ministry. If you have any questions, feel free to call me or to speak with me after the Worship service on Sunday. I'm looking forward to meeting you as we serve the Lord together. Let's do it!

Your sister in Christ,
Susan



Jacob's Church Commitments for January.... THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

Greeters/Ushers for January

January 1	Jacob's Church Board
January 8	Solomon and Ginger Johri Elijah and Isaiah Johri
January 15	Jim and Rose Moyer Tom and Faye Foulk
January 22	Ray and Kaitlin Sacks Michael and Leann Sacks
January 29	Jacob's Church Confirmation Class

Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

Scripture Readers for January

January 1	Michael Sacks
January 8	Jim Moyer
January 15	
January 22	
January 29	

Puppet Ministry

Sunday, January 8, 2023
Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer
Sunday, January 22, 2023
Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald



January Acolyte
Rosalie Heiter

Flowers for January

January 1	Jacob's Church Altar Committee
January 8	Jacob's Church Altar Committee
January 15	Jacob's Church Altar Committee
January 22	Jacob's Church Altar Committee
January 29	Charles and Ruth Kaley – 69 TH wedding anniversary (floral stand) In Memory of Smuldis and Gabrielson Family (Altar)



2023 FLOWER CHART is ready for you to sign up for Altar Flowers on your special date for the 2023 New Year. The chart is posted in the east vestibule on the Church Bulletin Board. Contact Pam Zoghby with any questions at 610-298-3002.

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



SINCERE APPRECIATION is extended to the Jacob's Church congregation for their donations of Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve Service. Thank you all! A special thank you to the Altar Committee for all they do to make the altar beautiful for each season and every Sunday!

**Poinsettias To Beautify Our Sanctuary For
Christmas Eve Are Presented By:**

*In Loving Memory of Husband, Carson Baer
Judy Baer*

*Honor and Glory to God!
Corinne Bast*

*Happy Birthday, Jesus!
Marty and Glenda Bennicoff
In Loving Memory of Parents,
Ralph and Marie Dietrich
Bruce Dietrich*

*In Loving Memory of Our Parents,
Ralph M. and Pearl F. (Hamm) Follweiler
David Follweiler, Susan & Robert Stuffed,
Michael & Denise Follweiler, and Families*

*In Loving Memory of Our Parents,
William M. & Shirley J. (Brooks) Foulk
Howard E. and Hattie E. (Schaller) Smith
Tom & Faye Foulk and Families*

*Praise God From Who All Blessings Flow!
Robert & Kay Greenawalt and Family*

*In Loving Memory of Husband, Wayne Greenawalt
Let There Be Peace On Earth!
Shirley Greenawalt*

*In Loving Memory of Our Parents
Ralph & Louise Hill*

*John 3:16 Believe It!
Gary & Carolyn Krick*

*To The Glory Of God!
Roger & Cindy Kuhns*

*Glory To God...
Perry and Elisabeth Long*

*To The Glory Of God!
Jim & Rose Moyer*

*Merry Christmas! Thanking Jesus for his birth
and Salvation of this World.
Robert & Janine Oplinger*

*In Loving Memory of Larry Ralston
Dianne Ralston*

*In Loving Memory of Our Parents,
Fred and Luella Bowman
Daughters, Marcia, Barbara, Monica
and Families*

*In Loving Memory of Husband, Jay Sacks
Joyce Sacks*

*In Loving Memory of Edward Sawyer Sr. and
In Loving Memory of Marlin "Hoagie" Hamm
Edward, Tracy, Andrew, & Lucas Sawyer*

*In God We Trust!
Curtis & Joan Staudt*

*In Honor of the Birth of Our Savior, Jesus
Michael & Vikki Stoss and Family*

*Glory to God in the Highest!
Ralph & Diane Wertman*

*To the Honor and Glory of God!
Dave & Pam Zoghby*

A floral arrangement has been placed on the gravesite of Verdie Bailey, a former member of Jacob's Church, as stated by a memorial in his name.



Christmas Eve Away in the Manger Participants

Mary - Rosalie Heiter
Joseph – Gavin Heiter
Worship Angel - Kayla Fusselman
Little Angels – Caroline Husted, Quincy Rauch-Mannino,
Victoria Rauch-Mannino, Sophia Sacks,
Kacie Wessner, Shelby Wessner,
Shepherd Scripture Reader - Noelle Rauch-Mannino
Shepherds - Jeffrey Dietrich, Ashtyn Gehringer,
Wade Gehringer, Aria Hermany, Asa Hermany,
Landon Husted, Alexandria Rauch-Mannino
Animals around the Manger - Aubrey Dietrich, Lillie Dietrich,
Nola Hermany, Valerie Husted,
Lucas Sawyer, Michael Schlegel
Coordinators - Susan Ohl, Diane Wertman,
Jane Wessner and Tina Bailey.



We extend a heartfelt word of thanks to Diane Wertman who, along with Jane Wessner, Tina Bailey and Susan Ohl, organized this Pageant. We also thank the students and their parents for their participation and commitment to making Jesus' birthday celebration a beautiful Jacob's family offering of joy.



Thank you Children's Church for the Advent Christmas Ornaments.
Thank you Leann Sacks for the many pictures.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



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

Randy and Karen Dietrich

Joshua and Amanda Rex

Charles and Ruth Kaley

Ryan and Katie Riegel

Jeffrey and Linda Trexler



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 Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Harlan G. Wanamaker, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Thursday, November 24, 2022 at the age of 86-6-13. He is survived by his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ronald and Donna (Newhard) Smith, and their families; members of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Wanamaker and Smith families in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from the Jacob's Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

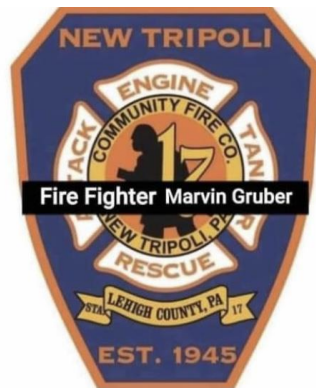
May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Russell O. Miller, who went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at the age of 86-7-19. He is survived by his niece, Valerie (Forrest) nee Miller Schaeffer and their children, Samuel, Maggie and Sarah; members of our Jacob's Church Family. Russell was a member of the Miller Brothers, who performed at Jacob's Church several times over the years with his brothers, Lester, Richard, Robert, and William Miller. Please keep the Miller-Schaeffer family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from your Jacob's Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

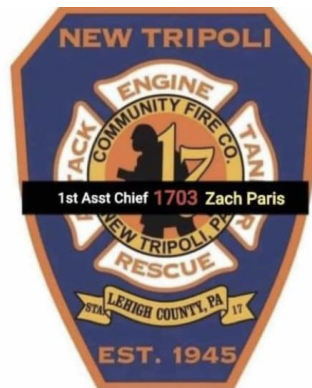
May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Marvin L. Gruber, his last fire alarm was given on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, he entered the kingdom of our Lord at the age of 59-2-24. He is survived by many family members, friends, and his brothers and sisters in fire service; members of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Rauch-Gruber families in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from the Jacob's Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Zachary T. A. Paris, his last fire alarm was given on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, he entered the kingdom of our Lord at the age of 36-6-28. He is survived by many family members, friends, and his brothers and sisters in fire service; members of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Bleiler-Paris family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from the Jacob's Church Family.



Fire Fighter Marvin Gruber



1st Asst Chief 1703 Zach Paris

Holy God, Lord of life and death, you made us in your image and you hold us in your care.

We thank you for your servants, Marvin and Zachary, for the selfless untiring duty and gifts they have given with their very lives.

Holy God, may Marvin and Zachary who had heard your words of welcome, "Come to you, blessed of my Father" and may they have received Your unfailing crown of glory.

May they have angels surrounding them, and the saints welcome them in peace.

We give honor and praise and glory to Our God, be now and forever more. Amen.

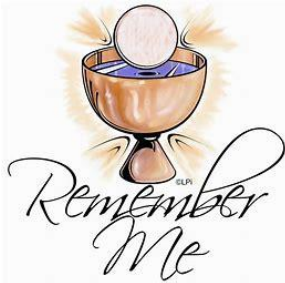


"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13NIV

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JACOB'S CHURCH

STEPHEN MINISTRY – Christ caring for people through people

Everyone faces periods of difficulty. During these times, someone who will listen, empathize, pray and encourage them with Christ's love and care can be a tremendous benefit. Stephen Ministers Meetings on **Thursday, January 5th and Thursday, January 19th.**



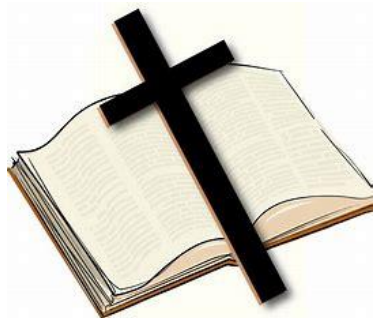
NEW YEAR HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 1, 2023** during the **10:15am** worship service. Communion will be served in the pew that morning. Circle this date on your calendar for this special service!

INSTALLATION OF 2023 CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS will be held today, Sunday, January 8, 2023 during the 10:15AM worship service. We praise God for our Elders and Deacons who will serve during 2023. May the Holy Spirit grant them wisdom, courage, and compassion.

Elders: Ronald Belknap, Michael Madtes and David Zoghby

Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Kayla Fusselman, Jared Hermany, Kaitlin Sacks, Edward Sawyer and Diane Wertman.

CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT MINISTRY – Jacob's Church continues to reach out to our members and extended families with "Thinking of you" cards. The cards to be sent out are located in the parlor area, please take the time to sign each card before or after worship. Our mission is to remember each other as we go through life's journey. Please contact Diane Wertman at 484.330.1033, for additional information or to offer a name in need.



SISTERS OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY meet **Tuesday** mornings at **9:30am** in the Activity Center meeting room. For additional information, please contact Louise Hill at 610.573.1977.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRY meet **Tuesday evenings** at **7:00pm** in the Activity Center meeting room. Diane Wertman can be contacted at 484.330.1033 for more information.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meet **Wednesday mornings** at **7:00am** in the Activity Center meeting room! For additional information, please contact Ralph Hill at 610.767.1286.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY AND PLANNING WORSHIP - COLLABORATIVE DISCIPLESHIP - led by Deacon, Kevin Dellicker in the church on Wednesday evenings from **7:00pm to 8:30pm**. If you have not joined this group, please take the time to drop in on the last sessions. You will not be disappointed. We hope to see you there! January 4 – Praise!; January 11 – Missions; January 18 – Christian Education; January 25 – Worship; February 1 – Wrap Up and Next Steps.



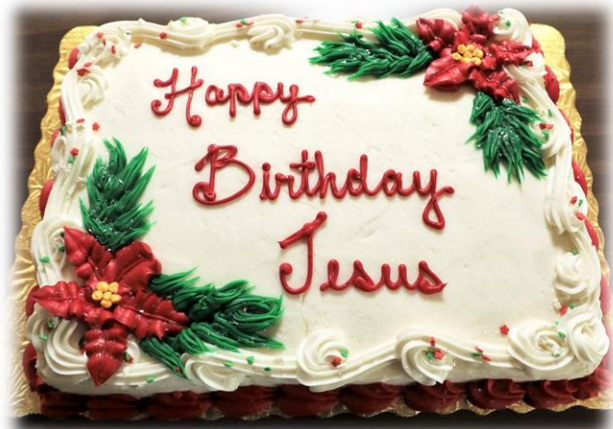
CHOIR REHEARSAL is held on **Thursday evenings** at **7:30PM**. All voices are welcome! Any additional information, please contact Rev. Susan Ohl at 610.562.7953.

LADIES NIGHT OUT - For additional information, please contact Kayla Fusselman at 610.844.1567.

SIDEWALK SUNDAY SCHOOL is taking a break as the weather gets colder. See you in Spring!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - This group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at **6:30PM**. If you are interested in joining us, or want more information, please contact Rev. Tad M. Schlegel at 717-644-1153. For those of you with children, child care will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact
Interim Pastor and Youth Pastor,
Rev. Tad M. Schlegel-717.644.1153
or tad836@yahoo.com



Leann Sacks and
Rev. Tad Schlegel

JACOB'S CHURCH

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL 2022-2023



We had a fun month getting ready for our Christmas show! Our Little Lambs did great, a great job, we are so proud of them!! December is always a fun, craft, song and activity filled month. We always enjoy with our preschoolers! Best of all we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and always keep Jesus the Reason for the Season!



2022-23 Little Lamb Important Date

Return to school on
Tuesday, January 3, 2023



LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!



Ronald W. Smith was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, by the Lions Club International Foundation, for his dedication to humanitarian services.



Sophomore Bryce Foulk was on hand to assist his mother, Katie, selling bath products at the Lynnport Fire Co. craft fair. **PRESS PHOTO BY ANNA GILGOFF**



Santa, played by Elijah Johri, awaits visitors after the musical "Elf JR."



Cindy Loch assisting at Lynnport Craft Show



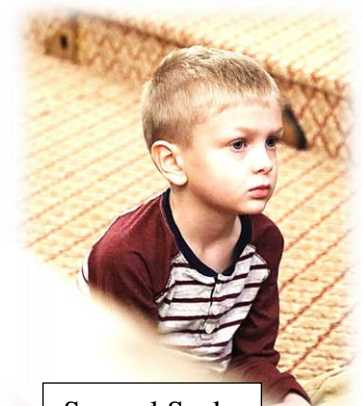
Andrew Sawyer



Ron & Jordan Smith
With Edward Sawyer



Asa & Aria Hermany



Samuel Sacks



Sophia Sacks & Michael Schlegel



Lucas Sawyer & Jordyn Zoghby



Ed Sawyer & Samuel Sacks



Charlene Silva



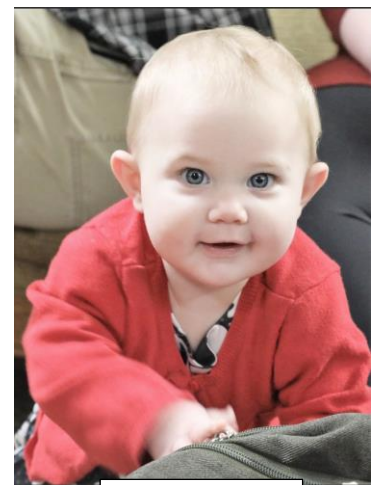
2022 VBS Volunteers



Birthday Buddies,
Donna Shay & Mike Sacks



David & Kendall Zoghby



Norah Sacks

THANK YOU!

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

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Ron and Donna Smith, for donating this year's Christmas tree! It adds to the beauty of the Church Sanctuary this Christmas Season! A special thank you to the Altar Committee, Brian Fusselman, Kayla Fusselman, Nicholas Schaeffer, Lauren Schlegel, Michael Schlegel, and Pastor Schlegel for their decorating help.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to the Jacob's Church Altar Committee, and David Zoghby for decorating the donated Christmas tree from Ron and Donna Smith, Valley View Christmas Tree Farm, for the Ontelaunee Christmas Tree Lighting. Thank you also to Edward Sawyer for all you do for this event!

Rev. Schlegel, Lauren, and Michael would like to say thank you to our Jacob's Church family for all the Christmas cards. We truly appreciate the love from each and every one of you and hope you had a very Merry Christ-mas.



A successful Christmas Card Exchange.
Thank you to all the Volunteers,
you made it happen.
Many Blessings to all!

MISSIONS!

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

2022 has been a good year. God has provided for me in many ways. He has also given me 9 orphans to help.

This has brought me great joy with some of the orphans. Considering that their fathers have abandoned them and their mothers have died on one thing or another, the kids are resilient and seem happy. I have to give a lot of credit to the caregivers, as they are for the most part, not family. One has nothing of her own. Her house is very humble and poorly made, but she had a heart big enough, and a faith strong enough to take in 5-year old Rebecca. Rebecca melts my heart. She is so loving and always is smiling.

As for the 10-year old girl with the tube in her stomach to eat, we are working on the paperwork for visas, passports, etc. to fly her to C.H.O.P. in Philadelphia to operate on her. She continues to be upbeat and loving. She recently told the doctor that she wanted me to be her dad.

The stroller has arrived from the states and I delivered it to 14-year old Justin who is an invalid. He is one of the orphans. God bless the neighbor who agreed to care of him. She is happy with the stroller as it is easier for her to haul him around.

The donations from the states have allowed me to support the orphans a bit, as well as help others with health issues, and also helped me continue with the construction of a small house in the mountains for 3 of my 'adopted daughters'.

I am presently working with the Rotary club here trying to get some help to pay for cataract surgery for 2 people.

The 5 churches are going well, at times it is a challenge, like this coming week where I have 4 services in 3 different parts of the Comarca, in 4 days. The attendance has been good. We have a 12-hour church service scheduled January 7, 2023. Personally, I don't like the all-nighters, but the people here love them.

The joy of having one of my 'kids' graduate college here has been rewarding. He'll be teaching English in the schools nearby.

I expect 2023 to be pretty much the same, but it is in God's hands. Whatever He wants, I'll do.

Thank you all for your prayers and donations to continue this mission that is changing lives. God bless you all.

Have a Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy New Year.

Joyfully Serving Him, Bob Moyer

JACOB'S CHURCH

ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

December 24, 2022

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

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, December 6th, 12th, and 20th, starting at 9:30AM and ending approximately at 11:30AM.

The Freedom in Christ Ministry held their meetings on Tuesday, December 6th and 13th, beginning at 7:00PM.

Men's Prayer Breakfast held their breakfast on Wednesday, December 7th, 14th, and 21st, starting at 7:00AM.

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, December 1st and 22nd.

Young Adults Group are holding their meetings in the church.

Kutztown Lady Twirlers held practice sessions on Friday, December 2nd, 9th, 16th, starting at 5:30pm and ending approximately at 9:00pm.

Private celebrations were held on Sunday, December 11th, Friday, December 3rd and 10th.

Crossroads Community and Orchard Homeschool groups use the center on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

NYAA Basketball groups continue to hold practices on most Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. They also used the gym on Saturday, December 17th for a shoot around.

Thank you Lauren, Michael and Rev. Schlegel for hosting the VBS Volunteer luncheon on Sunday, December 18th. Delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

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

God Bless You,
Faye M Foulk



Carter Foulk and Slade Snyder
Help the Christmas tree
decorating committee



Dave & Pam Zoghby & Faye Foulk

Jacob's Church Scheduled Activities in Church

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service Holy Communion	2 Jacob's Church Board Meeting 7:30PM	3 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM	4 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM Mid-Week Bible Study 7:30pm	5 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	6	7
8 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service	9 Jacob's Church Elders Meeting Parish House 7:00PM	10 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM 6:30pm Young Adults Group	11 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM Mid-Week Bible Study 7:30pm	12 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	13	14
15 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service	16	17 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM	18 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM Mid-Week Bible Study 7:30pm	19 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	20	21
22 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service	23	24 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM 6:30pm Young Adults Group	25 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM Mid-Week Bible Study 7:30pm	26 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	27	28
29 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service	30	31 Little Lambs Preschool 9-11:30AM				

Jacob's Church Tentative Activity Center Schedule

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Sunday School	2 NYAA 6-9	3 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM-8:30AM Homeschool 1-4pm	5 Stephen Ministers Meeting 9:30AM-12:00PM Homeschool 1-3pm NYAA 6-9	6 Twirlers 5:30pm-9:00pm	7
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29 9:00am Sunday School Church function 9:00-3:00pm	30 NYAA 6-9	31 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry				