

† 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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† “From the Pastor’s Study” †

It Has Been a Year

By the time this article reaches everyone, I suppose we will have celebrated the resurrection of our LORD, Jesus Christ. For our 2024 festivities, we will be reciting *the Haggadah*, the Telling of Israel’s deliverance from slavery during our Seder dinner. Part of the ceremony of Passover, out of which came the Christian sacrament of communion, is the singing of the song *Dayenu*.

דָּאָה (*dah*) In Hebrew means “sufficient, enough.” The *enu* part just means “for us.” The song recounts fifteen things Yahweh did while releasing the Hebrews from bondage. During the ceremony the leader recites them one by one using the formula, “If God had done x, and not done y,” then everyone shouts “*Dayenu* (it would have been sufficient for us)!” In other words, if the LORD had only done this ONE thing it alone would have been wonderful and worthy of our immense appreciation. He could have stopped there, but He didn’t. He kept going!

The ceremony and the song are gloriously fun. If done right the leader starts slow and then builds and builds into a celebratory crescendo as the crowd eggs him on with their lusty, “*Dayenus*.” By the end, everyone should be ready to jump out of their seats dancing. Here is the opening line: “If God had brought us out from Egypt and had not carried out judgments against them *Dayenu*!” It is followed by, “If God had carried out judgments against them and not against their idols *Dayenu*!” The song narrates Israel’s history from slavery to their settlement in the land and ends with everyone remembering the LORD had allowed them to build a temple where they could meet with Him in worship and praise. It is quite exhilarating.

So, all that to say why I am saying, “*Dayenu*,” for my first year at Jacob’s! Has it been a year already? As I write this article, I feel like an Oscar winner who is sure to forget someone. I don’t mean to, so don’t be offended because I think everyone is special and worth mentioning.

First, I love our facility and grounds. The building is a joy to worship in, the country setting is beautiful. I enjoyed joining folks outside after being cooped up all winter to work on the grounds. I am slowly getting my upstairs office squared away and I can’t wait to study under the soft light coming through those handsome stained-glass windows. I want to thank everyone for being so supportive of my preaching ministry. People have been so complimentary. I very much appreciate that. From my perspective as a pastor, there’s nothing in my mind more critical than building up the body of Christ through God’s Word. I hope you can recall one of two things from the last year that helped you draw closer to our Father in your walk with Jesus. *Dayenu*!

The Wednesday night crowd has been delightful to pray and laugh with, but I must mention Bob Nester. He comes despite his busy schedule, and he has been very helpful when I have been called to minister to families who have lost a loved one. I miss Will Dellicker. He and I spent some quality time praying and visiting together and we both had a good time getting dunked in the tank at VBS. I look forward to having him back. Now, I am getting to know Jared. *Dayenu!*

The board has been wonderful. Jacob's has some great servants working behind the scenes. I must also thank the search committee who spent hours vetting candidates. I know that was a tough job and I hope we won't need another one for a long time. Particularly helpful have been Diane and both Ron and Bonnie Belknap. Rev. Ohl also showed me around the valley. It was nice hearing her heart and seeing the beautiful countryside. *Dayenu!*

The men who gather for IMPACT breakfast have been great, and the greeters always have a good word. Getting to know the members of our small group is helping ground us in the community. I love chatting it up with the Kricks and the Moyers in the back along with everyone else. Tom Foulk has been there for me countless times, and of course, Faye is invaluable. I have very much appreciated the kindness and grace of Pastor Scott and Donna. Rare is to have a former pastor in the body, and it works so smoothly. Ralph Wertman has been a constant the whole year. Thanks "big brother." Finally, I must mention my wife, Carla, who provides such a wonderful oasis for me at home. It has been a good year. If you think I should have mentioned you, but I missed out, call me and I will take you to lunch. *Dayenu! Soli Deo Gloria*

Pastor Stan Newton



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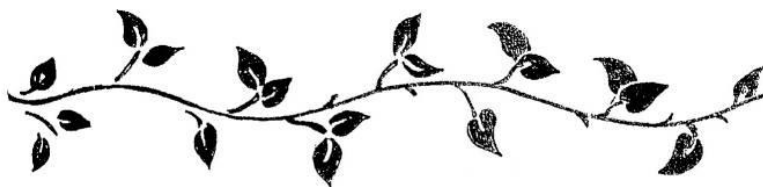
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Contact Kelly Mease at treasurer@jacobschurch.org
for more information or if you have questions.



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◆ Jacob's Church Congregational Meeting ◆

December 3, 2023

The meeting was called to order immediately after worship service on Sunday, December 3.
A quorum of 55 members was met. (Needed 41)

The agenda of the meeting is to elect church board members and approve the 2024 church budget.
Dick Oswald made a motion to approve the agenda of the meeting; Bruce Dietrick seconded the motion. All who were present were in favor; none opposed.

The meeting was led by Ron Belknap Church Board President.
First business was the elections of Church Board Members to fill following vacancies:
Ron Belknap completed 2nd term as Elder and Church Board President
Jared Hermany completed 2 term as deacon.
Kevin Dellicker declined 2nd term as deacon.

Duties and roles of elders and deacons were explained.
Nominations for elder is Mike Follweiler
No other nominations were brought forth.
Approved by raising of hands, none opposed.

Nominations for deacon(s) are Michael Bailey and Tom Foulk.
No other nominations were brought forth.
Approved by raising of hands, none opposed.

The second business of the meeting was to present the 2024 church budget and move to approval.
Projected Expenses

1. Plan to make necessary repairs on organ.
2. Increases noted in salaries for church secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer.*

*Appreciation given to David Follweiler (retired treasurer) and Andrea Hermany who served as treasurer from Sept 2023 to Dec 2023. Kelly Mease is now the new Church Treasurer.

3. A new addition to the Missions Budget is Lehigh Christian Academy but with a decrease in 'Freedom in Christ' the budget remains the same at \$28,760.

4. Property Expenses: The price of heating oil continues to rise. The budget for 2024 is increased from \$7,500 to \$10,000 with consideration of prepaid heating oil to Country Side Heating oil from Oct to May 2024 of \$20,000.00.

5. Church Programs and Committees: An increase in Stephen's Ministries, women's ministries and men's ministries added an additional \$2400 to the 2024 budget.

6. Other Expenses: Increases noted for line items: Copier Lease, Sound System, Computer and Audio Visual; Flowers, altar and communion expenses; and office supplies. Elimination of Staff Advertising line item resulted in an overall increase of other expenses to \$300.00.

Total Projected Expenses \$375,335.00 for 2024. (an increase of \$6913.00 from total projected 2023 expenses of \$368,422.

7. Capital Projects: No Changes for 2024. Wuchter house will have needed repairs. A Special church meeting would be needed to approve church carpet replacement as it is estimated to cost \$20,000. School House renovations will only be considered when there is a stated purpose for use and necessary funds are raised.

8. Projected Income: Total Receipts needed to Balance the Budget \$278,267
Weekly Receipts needed to Balance the Budget \$5351.00
Weekly Increase (as compared to projected). \$283.00

Areas that will affect income in 2024: Wuchter House Rent (not accounted in current budget) and proposed revised Activity Center Income and Donation fee schedule increase .

9. Pastor Benefit Analysis: Total Minister Benefits increased by \$2610 from 2023 budget.

10. Preschool Analysis: The preschool will increase weekly tuition by \$283.00.

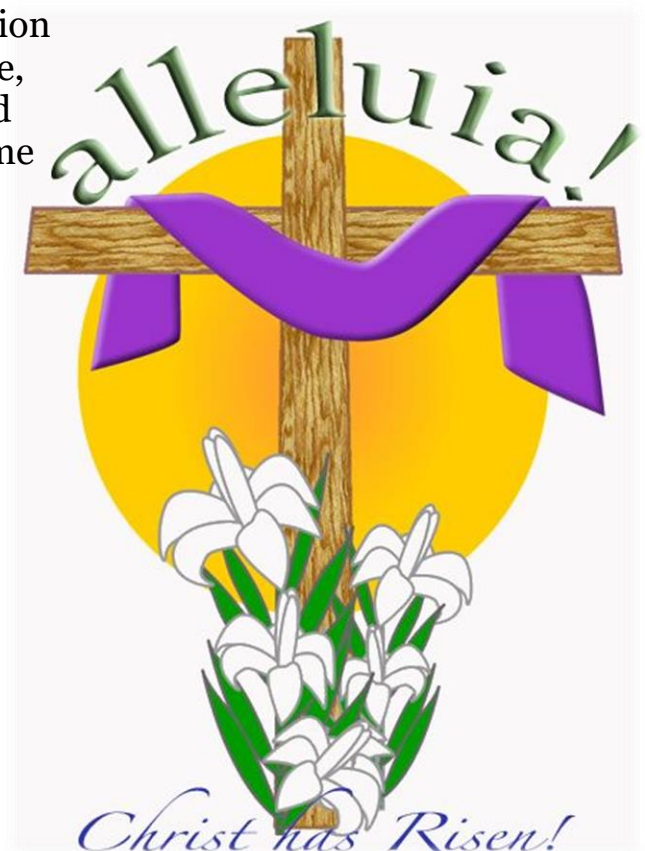
Question about Security Training clarified; outside agency analysis of ways to protect occupants inside the church building during hours of occupancy for preschool as well as times of worship.

A motion was made to approve the budget by Jared Hermany, and 2nd by Curtis Stoudt; motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jared Hermany and 2nd by Mike Madtes; motion carried.

Report submitted by Diane Wertman Church Board Secretary.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. John 11:25-26



◆ Jacob's Church Board Meeting ◆

February 5, 2024

Attendance: Senior Pastor: Stan Newton. Elders: Mike Follweiler, Mike Madtes, Dave Zoghby
Deacons: Mike Bailey, Tom Foulk, Kayla Fusselman, Kaitey Sacks, Ed Sawyer, Diane Wertman
Treasurer: Kelly Mease. Visitors: none

Old Business

1. Pastor Stan opened in prayer and devotion focused on Romans 7 and the constant battle of against sin.
2. Election of Board Secretary: Mike Follweiler made a motion to elect Diane Wertman for Board Secretary; seconded by Kayla Fusselman; motion carried.
3. Property Report: Dave Zoghby reports that renovations on activity center's bathrooms are completed. Leak in the activity center kitchen ceiling still be investigated as to the source of the problem. Pastor Stan's office renovation in the church balcony almost complete. Jared Hermany working with Apex to install A.C. on the balcony level. Tom Foulk continuing to repair walls in various room of the church. Faucets in bathrooms will be fixed. Dave and Mike to work on water leak in the vestibule of the church.
4. Christian Ed Committee: Kayla and Kaitey attended VBS showcase in Kentucky. VBS planning meeting scheduled for February 25, 2024. Egghunt scheduled for March 30, 2024.
5. Organ Maintenance: Schedule to start maintenance will start after Easter.
6. Music Committee: Plans are underway for the Ash Wednesday Service.
It was brought to our attention that Andrea Hermany would like the support of the church board in hiring a pianist for the praise and worship time. Details as to salary and advertisement of the position will need to be discussed. Mike Madtes made a motion to hire a praise and worship pianist; Kaitey seconded; motion carried.
7. Pastor Topics: Pastor Stan will be leaving March 6th to attend the marriage of his son and will return March 10th. Kevin Dellicker will be leading the service on March 10th.
Youth Minister: Jared Silva will be assisting Pastor Stan with the confirmation class, he will also be delivering the children's sermon. He is not able to initiate a youth group due to his employment schedule; discussion as to how to proceed ensued.
8. Cemetery Association: Update given by Tom Foulk. Reassessment of price increase needed to meet increase in expenses generated from Esterly Burial Vaults.
9. Lenten Services: Each Wednesday during Lent we will have a soup and salad meal followed by a teaching on church history by Pastor Stan. On Maundy Thursday there will be a Passover Seder; signup sheet on church bulletin board. Good Friday Services at 7pm and Easter Sunday Service at 9am.
10. Church Activities: 20 people attended game night. Movie night scheduled for February 23.
Bob Moyer will present a mission moment on Sunday March 10, 2024
Gideons will have a short presentation immediately prior to church service on April 14, 2024.
Women's banquet to be held May 4th, 2024.
Teen Challenge will be tentatively at our church on May 19th, 2024 with pot luck luncheon after the service. Kayla Fusselman is in the process of confirming the date. More information to follow.

New Business

1. AC Tables: 6 round lightweight dining tables with a carrier and 6 rectangular lightweight dining tables with a carrier; purchase funded by a Memorial Fund.

2. Fox Property: Church would like to talk to Mr. Fox about property adjacent to activity center.
3. New Members: New Members 1 hour class will commence February 11 – Feb 25 following church service. Lunch will be provided. So far 6 people have signed up.
4. Wuchter House: repairs on going.
5. Facebook: Pastor Stan will have access to post on church home page.

Reports

1. Kelly Mease presented Treasurer report- January 31, 2024

Income for month ended 1/31/24	\$36,945.73
Total Expenses for month ended 1/31/24	\$25,040.32
Net Profit Balance	\$11,905.41

A motion was made to accept treasurer's report Kaitey Sacks and a seconded by Kayla Fusselman; motion carried.

2. Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept December's meeting minutes with correction for movie night to state that it is open to all ages not just the youth by Kayla Fusselman and seconded by Mike Madtes; motion carried.

Next Elders' meeting Feb 12, 2024 at 7 pm. Next Church Board meeting March 4, 2024 at 7 pm.

Pastor Stan closed in prayer.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kaitey Sacks and seconded by Kayla Fusselman; motion carried.

Recorded and submitted by Diane Wertman, Church Board Secretary.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, April 1, 2024.

Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, April 8, 2024.

At our December 3, 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$5,351.00 per week in order to meet our 2024 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in February 2024:

February 4	\$5,147.00
February 11	\$6,573.00
February 14	\$ 585.90
February 18	\$4,502.00
February 25	\$4,717.90

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-February	\$42,808.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-February	\$43,668.60
Surplus for February 2024	\$ 860.60

✠ **Jacob's Church Commitments for April** ✠
✠ **THANK YOU FOR SERVING!** ✠

Flowers for April

April 7	In honor of mother, Josephine Kelly Michael and Melinda Kelly
April 14	Jacob's Altar Committee
April 21	In memory of Pearl Follweiler, Howard Hamm & Hattie Smith ~ Follweiler and Foulk
April 28	Jacob's Altar Committee

**April Acolyte
Gavin Heiter**

April Scripture Readers

April 7	Bill Dellicker
April 14	Carla Newton
April 21	Dick Oswald
April 28	Joan Oswald

Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:

(2) Altar Vases \$30.00

(1) Floral Stand \$20.00

Bud Vase \$5.00

Bulletins \$5.00

The chart is posted in the east vestibule on
the Church Bulletin Board. Sign Up Today!

Any questions contact Pam Zoghby
(610.298.3002)



April Greeters/Ushers

April 7	Jacob's Church Board
April 14	Kevin and Susan Dellicker Jim and Rose Moyer
April 21	Dick and Joan Oswald Jared and Charlene Silva
April 28	Gary and Carolyn Krick Glenda Bennicoff and Loretta Peters

Sunday Morning Greeters arrive by 9:45am

Puppet Ministry

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald

**April Bulletin Sponsor
Michael & Vikki Stoss**

◆Membership News◆

✠ Celebrating with...

*You make known to me the path of life; in your
presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11*



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

*Steven and Christina Follweiler
Stephen and Laura Hayes
Roy and Ruthanne Kunkel
Morin and Maria Nomura
Earl and Brenda Phillips*

*Brian and Jody Reinert
Michael and Leann Sacks
Cleon and Cindy Schmoyer
Michael and Vikki Stoss
Robert and Susan Stufflet*

William and Carol Van Tol



✠ Marriages of...

*“So, they are no longer, two, but one flesh,
Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Matthew 19:6*

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Caleb and Haley Newton, who were united in holy matrimony on Friday, March 8, 2024 in Mills River, NC. Haley is the daughter of Rev. Noel and Marcia Hendrix, and Caleb is the son of Rev. Stanley C. and Carla Newton. May God's Blessings be upon Caleb and Haley!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Todd and Cheryl Morehouse, who were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, March 16, 2024, Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor Emeritus officiated the union. Todd is the son of James and Christine (Johansen) Morehouse of New Tripoli. May God's Blessings be upon Todd and Cheryl!

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. I Corinthians 13:4-7



† 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 Kelly M. (Marquette) Bond, who entered eternal rest on Monday, February 26, 2024 at the age of 62-4-21. Kelly is survived by her husband, Jon, sons, Samuel and Noel. She is also survived by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, David and Debbie (May) Bond, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Services were held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at New Bethel Union Church following by interment in the adjoining cemetery. Please keep the Bond family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from your Jacob's Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Curtis Y. Frank, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the age of 79-9-3. Curt is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Kevin Dellicker, and grandchildren, Willard, Jacob, and Elijah Dellicker, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Services were held on Saturday, March 9th at Trinity Lutheran Church, Meadville PA, private interment in Beaver Cemetery on Monday, March 11th. Please keep the Frank~Dellicker 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 Barry L. Kaley, who entered eternal rest on Monday, March 11, 2024 at the age of 72-3-14. He is survived by his Uncle Charles S. Kaley, member of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Kaley family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from your Jacob's Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Clifford R. Kindred, who entered eternal rest on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at the age of 96-10-10 in his Kempton home. Clifford is survived by his children, James, Bruce, and Rebecca, who were confirmed at Jacob's Church by the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. Please keep the Kindred family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from the Jacob's Church Family.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Timothy D. Moyer, who entered eternal rest on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at the age of 66-7-10. He is survived by his Uncle Charles S. Kaley, member of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Moyer~Kaley family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from your Jacob's Church Family.

◆ April Happenings at Jacob's Church ◆

Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, April 7, 2024 during the 10:15am worship service. *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ~ I Corinthians 11:26*

Love Offering envelopes will be available to support the Gideons International Ministry on Sunday, April 14th. A presentation will be given by Gideon representative, Joe Imhof. May the Lord Bless Joe and The Gideons ministry and we ask God's blessing on this ministry.



Stephen Ministry – Christ caring for people through people. Everyone faces periods of difficulty. During these times, someone who will listen, empathize, pray, and encourage with Christ's love and care can be a tremendous benefit. Stephen Ministers Meetings will be held on Thursday, April 4th and Thursday, April 18th.

Cards Of Encouragement Ministry – “Thinking of you” cards to be sent out are in the parlor area, please take the time to sign each card before or after worship. FMI contact Rose Moyer (484.769.7926), or to offer a name in need.

Sisters Of Esther – Come and share in wonderful fellowship with Sisters in Christ every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 11:30am in Jacob's Activity Center! FMI contact Donna Shay (610.739.1867).

Prayer Meeting – Join the Pastor as we pray for each other on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm in the Church Parlor. FMI contact Pastor Stan (828.242.5388)

Choir Rehearsal ~Thursday night at 7:00pm. FMI contact Melinda Kelly (610.334.2005). All voices are welcome!

Ladies Night Out! Monday, April 15th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. FMI contact Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567)

IMPACT – will be held first (4/6) and third (4/20) Saturday of March at 8:00am at Katie's Restaurant, Route 309, New Tripoli. IMPACT Men target their home, work, and community. Breakfast will be served! FMI contact Pastor Stan (828.242.5388).

Thank you to all who provided the Easter Flowers to beautify
our sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday

Faye Billig

In loving memory of loved ones

Greta Carminati

To the Glory of God

**David Follweiler, Susan & Bob Stufflet,
Mike & Denise Follweiler & Families**

In loving memory of parents, Ralph & Pearl Follweiler

In loving memory of Luther & Emma Follweiler

In loving memory of Charles & Nellie Frey

In loving memory of Howard & Arlene Hamm

Tom and Faye Foulk

In loving memory of parents,

William & Shirley Foulk and Howard & Hattie Smith

Nick, Kayla & Brian Fusselman

In loving memory of Diane Fusselman

Dave & Pattie Held

In loving memory of Corey Held

Deb Hermany

In loving memory of Marion Hermany

Jared & Andrea Hermany & Family

Thankful, Grateful, & Blessed

Ralph and Louise Hill

All Glory to God

In loving memory of our parents,

Harold & Pearl Zuck and Ralph & Verna Hill

Charles Kaley

To the honor and glory of God in remembrance of my wife, Ruth

To the honor and glory of God in remembrance

of Ruth's parents, Henry & Lillian Hartman

To the honor and glory of God and in remembrance

of my parents, Samuel and Elsie Kaley

Michael & Melinda Kelly

To the glory of God

Gary and Carolyn Krick

John 3:16...Believe It!

In loving memory of loved ones

Perry and Elisabeth Long

To the glory and honor to God

Susan Mannino

In loving memory of father,

Charles Rauch

Rod & Esther Mastauskas

In memory of loved ones

Jim and Rose Moyer

To the Glory of God

Judy Newhard

Memory of loved ones

Dick & Joan Oswald

In honor of our parents

to the Glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior

Dianne Ralston

In Loving Memory of Larry Ralston

Barbara Rehrig

To the Honor and Glory of God

Ed & Tracy Sawyer & Family

For He has Risen, give thanks...

Thank you indeed!

Rev. Scott & Donna Shay

In memory of our parents

Dave & Pam Zoghby

Honor and Glory to God

*Thank
you*



Life's Choice's Spring Chicken FUNraiser: Annual Spring Chicken 5K Run/Walk and Family Festival on Saturday, April 27th! The event will be held on the Schuylkill River Trail starting and ending at the Hamburg Park. Please consider participating or sponsoring a runner or walker in support of Life's Choices. To join our team, see www.friendsoflc.org for more information or to register. Come celebrate life with us!



Register by April 14th to receive a registration discount and a free T-shirt!



Please join us!
God's Bee-utiful Creations!
Ladies Banquet ~ Saturday, May 4th!
5:30pm Fellowship ~ 6:00pm Dinner

Tickets will be available for purchase on Sunday, April 7th! Please see Faye Foulk or Kayla Fusselman

Adults: \$10.00; Children (3-12): \$5.00;
Children under 3 free

Guest Speaker: Kayla Fusselman, 4-H Youth Development Educator for Penn State Extension Carbon County, 2017 PA Honey Queen and 2018 American Honey Queen

“Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul
and health to the body” Proverbs 16:24

Jacob's Church is hosting Teen Challenge on Sunday, May 19th. After worship everyone is invited to join the potluck lunch in the Activity Center. The Church will supply the main entrée and beverages; those attending will bring the sides. Please sign up in the parlor area, if you are attending the lunch. Love offering envelopes will be available in the church bulletin that Sunday to benefit the Teen Challenge Ministry.





SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Jacob’s Church member who will be attending college in the fall is encouraged to obtain the 2024 guidelines and outline (contains essay questions) to apply for a portion of Jacob’s Church Scholarship Fund. Please contact Donna Smith (goal1355@yahoo.com) or Ron Belknap (rbelknap@ptd.net) to receive the necessary information.

Deadline to apply is Saturday, June 1, 2024.



In the New Tripoli Community

The Northwestern Lehigh Firefighter Foundation presents the Inaugural

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FIREFIGHTER FOUNDATION**

GET READY FOR SWITCH 'N' PITCH 2024! SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

Are you looking for some Spring-cleaning inspiration?

Do you need some motivation to clean out your cupboards and closets?

How about that fresh, new feeling when the job is done,
and knowing we can be helping others as we do it? Well, look no further!

Switch 'n' Pitch is happening on Saturday, June 8th at Jacob's Church Activity Center.
So, you've got several weeks to purge and gather things up to bring!

Switch 'n' Pitch is a fun, free way to clear out stuff that you are ready to get rid of,
but others might want.

Typical types of things people bring to clear from your own home and offer up to others
include: Clothing (Men, Women, Children), Shoes, Jewelry, Home Décor/Housewares,
Games & Toys, Books, Craft Supplies, etc.

Literally anything you are ready to purge and want to give away.

As you bring your items, you'll be taking a look around at what other friends have
brought. You will see "new" things. If you like something, grab it,
take it home with you – absolutely free!

Feel free to bring just a little and take home a lot, or bring a ton and go home with
nothing. At the end of the day, we'll haul all the rest to Goodwill.

Please try to bring things in bags or boxes that you don't need back,
So, we can use those to load for donations.

We'll have extra bags and boxes on hand though, too.
And don't forget to invite other friends, family, and colleagues too!
It's way more fun to clear out stuff that friends might want.

In the end, it's a win-win for everyone!





Jacob's Church VBS

July 8-12, 2024: 9am-12pm

Closing Program: July 14 starting at 10am

Kids ages 3 years old through finished 6th grade

Questions? Contact Kayla Fusselman at kemptoncountry@gmail.com
or 610-844-1567

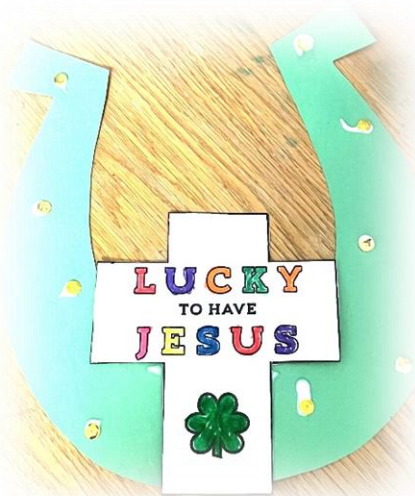
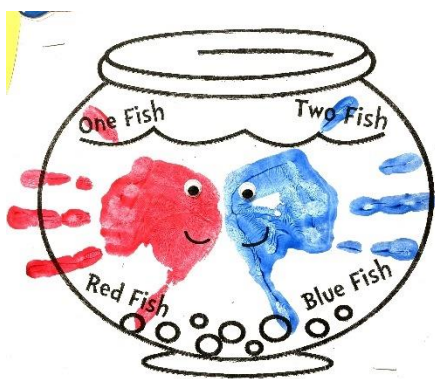
SAVE THE DATES
JULY 8th ~ JULY 14th
2024



◆ Jacob's Church Little Lambs Preschool ◆



We had a lot of fun celebrating Dr. Seuss this month! He gives our imaginations so much to work with and such a fun way of learning. We wore silly hair do's and fun outfits to capture the whimsy of his world. Looking ahead we set our hearts and mind on Jesus as we continue our Lenten season preparing for Easter and the celebration of our Risen Lord!



◆Look Who Is In The News!◆



Josh Farber

Northwestern Lehigh's Josh Farber held Southern Lehigh in check Tuesday. JANE THERESE/SPECIAL TO THE MORNING CALL

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL, NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH 6, SOUTHERN LEHIGH 0



PRESS PHOTO COURTESY FAYE FOULK

Northwestern Lehigh fourth grade students and coaches with the Lehigh Valley Knee-Hi Basketball League showed they were winners after winning a game against Liberty March 4 at Dieruff High School. Taking part were Coach Coombs, Coach Foulk, Dace Dever, Carter Foulk, Ryker Bailey, Coach Williams, Coach Kulp, (back) Cole Coombs, Jack Peterson, Lucas Waitman, Asher Williams, Jackson Downing and Caleb Kulp.

Knee-Hi Basketball wins against Liberty

BY FAYE FOULK
Special to The Press

Lehigh Valley Knee-Hi Basketball League, an elite travel league for boys in the Lehigh Valley, and Northwestern Le-

high's Tigers showed the team was a force to be reckoned with on March 4.

A huge crowd turned out to Dieruff High School to watch these boys play, and the end re-

sult was a hard fought 19-14 win against Liberty.

Congrats to all the players and coaches for a successful season.



Kayla Fusselman
and Noodle



Happy 90th Shirley Ruppert
with Rev. Newton



Bill, Trudie Dellicker & Friends

Upper Lehigh Lions Club provides binder lifts for NOVA

BY LOU WHEELAND
Special to The Press

Members of the Upper Lehigh Lions Club presented \$6,000 to Northern Valley EMS (NOVA) for four binder lifts during their March 13 meeting at Jordan United Church of Christ, South Whitehall.

These devices are designed to help patients who are found in a sitting position.

Raising a patient to a standing position is much safer for both patients and EMS personnel when using the binder lift.



Upper Lehigh Lions Club presented a check for \$6,000 for four binder lifts to NOVA on March 13, at Jordan UCC, South Whitehall. Kristi Wendling, executive director of NOVA, Howard Schwartz, NOVA director of Operations, holding a lift, Upper Lehigh Lions Club President Ken Zimmerman and Ron Smith, chairman of the Community Development Committee, attended the presentation. Additional photos appear on page A2.

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LOU WHEELAND

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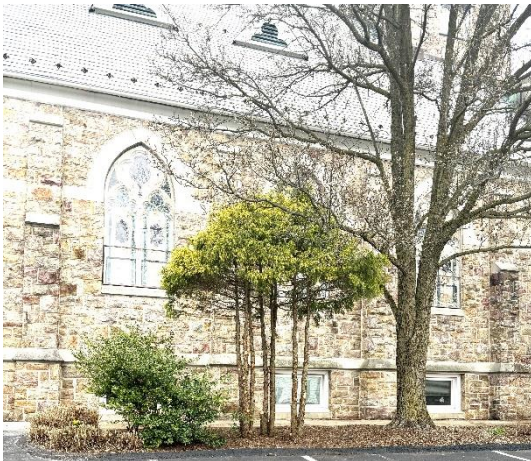
*Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever. Psalm 106:1*

Greetings in the name of the Lord,

Dear sir, I comprehend your kindness and your wonderful love. Through you we can see our Savior love. I requested that our beloved sir, thank you so much for your kindness supporting me to buy bibles for Refuge and Orphan Childrens. May the Lord bless beloved JACOB'S CHURCH May the Lord bless all the church believers and leaders in his riches and glory, please remember in your valuable prayers, please continue to do your support.

Thanking you
missionary VIMAL
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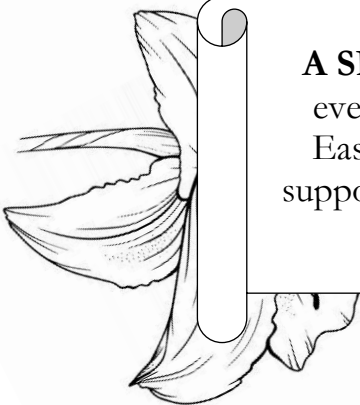
Thank
you



A special thank you to
Jacob's Church clean-up crew.
You did an awesome job!
Check out the new look!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to
everyone who assisted with the
Easter Egg Hunt! Your endless
support at Jacob's Church activities
is greatly appreciated.



◆ Missions! ◆

MARCH 2024 BARNABAS BENEFIT UPDATE

Speaking with several of you recently made me realize that I am long overdue for an update. I communicate quite frequently with most of the leaders whose projects you support through Barnabas Benefit. Their WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger updates and requests come throughout most nights.(9 ½ hour time difference) I try to cut and paste and email their growing number of urgent prayer request situations to you along with the resulting translated notes of grateful and relieved appreciation and pictures.

Although there are many great positives and amazing milestones, things are rapidly deteriorating in many areas, especially North India and bordering Myanmar (Burma) which is controlled by a hostile military. Increasingly leaders are being arrested and beaten by brutal militants, and their properties destroyed and often burned. This year's severe monsoon weather has also driven the poisonous vipers, elephants, tigers, and even poisonous spiders to seek food or shelter in the same space. In addition, the unusual monsoon floods pouring into lack of proper sanitation has spread disease.

Some examples:

*Older orphans fleeing into the jungles to avoid conscription.

*My friend "MD" and others on the run because of the police under "anti-conversion mandates are trying to serve warrants for their courageous efforts to bring new hope.

*John Lima surviving his second near fatal Yellow Banded Pit Viper snake bite and his wife Neelan, a poisonous spider bite in the neck while daughter has severe asthma.

*Massive border refugee influxes with little food or socks or blankets, etc.

*Many more pictures of wounds from beatings and smoldering homes and churches.

This is an election year in many places beside the US and the "hot button" issues are similar but different. Instead of immigration, the major issue is "anti-conversion" and radical Hindu nationalism. There is popular legislation that make it mandatory to file a written application to the police 60 days before you change from your Hindu faith and various other "anti-conversion" effort. Any outside humanitarian efforts are suspect and one proposal makes it illegal for us to provide funds after December of this year.

In spite of or perhaps because of that, amazing things are increasingly happening.

Our ongoing microloan projects are doing well and especially those benefiting single mother whose husbands abandoned them and their children. There is no interest on these loans averaging \$100 and repaid amounts fund the microloans.

Many compassionate individuals, families, friends, and groups are adopting clean, fresh village borewell water projects and some are doing multiples to help other villages. The variety of those giving is amazing; from a preteen giving up birthday money to an awesome group of Japanese Karate students who funded multiple wells. The driller we have worked with in one area for many years now gives substantial discounts. In another area we contribute to buy pipe and pumps and a team of young disciples go village to village drilling as they go. The villagers themselves are proudly raising up to about 25% of the cost of their own borewells although some of their funds for their wells were recently sacrificed for lifesaving antivenom for their leader.

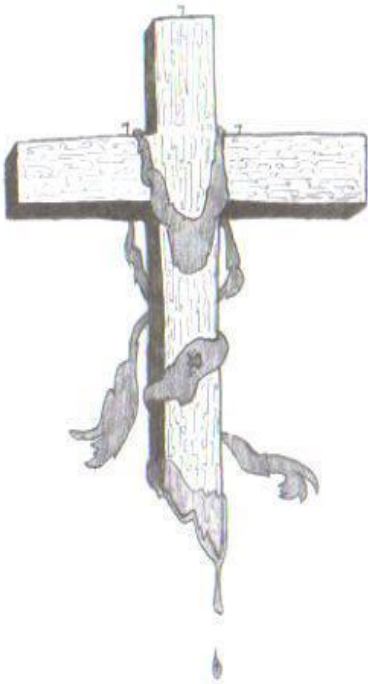
Bicycles are an overlooked blessing to many junior leaders who walk many rugged miles to villages. Our most recent recipients in Nepal and on the Bhutan border purchased heavy duty bikes (tires shredded on past cheap ones) for about 8500 rupees and each raised about 2500 rupees netting down to about \$74 for each.

Bibles (the big book, not those little ones!) are in high demand almost everywhere and increasingly more costly and difficult to get. In Uganda the price is a staggering almost \$20 for one in a tribal

language. We have requests for hundreds of Bibles and also funds for many church buildings. (We encourage staying with their house churches.)

We used to be able to get Gideon Bibles shipped for a great case price with New Testaments included as a bonus with no difficulty. That's not possible any more. One leader is on a multiday trek to a neighboring less hostile state today to pick up 2 cases of tribal language book of John. We are providing them to refugees in his increasingly hostile area to complement showing the native language Jesus Film there shown on his mini projector. They cost 15-73 cents each depending on the language and area.

Our leaders are amazing visionaries and it is an honor to partner with them. I am cautious about protecting their identities and locations for their own safety and our ability to stay "under the radar". However, because many of you uphold them in much needed prayer, I have printed pictures of them for that purpose. I have printed 8 1/2 x 11" color pictures or 4 x 6" "refrigerator" magnets; either or both gladly furnished upon request for your personal use. They are very grateful for your prayers and partnering financially with them. God is using you to help them answer prayers and to bring hope. Blessings to you for all the grateful lives you've touched. John & Natalie Teufel



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16



JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

March 29, 2024

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

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th; starting at 9:30am and ending approximately at 11:30am.

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, March 7th and Thursday, March 21st.

Crossroads Community Church Homeschool use the center Thursday afternoons. Grace Homeschool used the center Wednesday, March 6th, ending their school year. Grace Ladies prayer group meet on Wednesday afternoons.

Kutztown Lady Twirlers held practices in the gym on Friday, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 5:30pm to 9:00pm.

NYAA Basketball is finished for the season; NYAA Lacrosse held practices on Monday, March 4th and 11th and Thursday, March 7th; NYAA Softball held practices on Monday, March 4th, 25th; Tuesday, March 19th, Wednesday, March 27th; and Thursday, March 21st; and NYAA Volleyball held practices on Sunday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 17th. All NYAA outdoor sports will continue their season outdoors.

Private celebrations were held on Saturday, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd; Sunday, March 10th and Sunday, March 24th. Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 30th.

Jacob's Church held a movie night on Friday, March 22nd. Great time for all. Thank you Edward Sawyer for arranging the event.

Financial Peace University Class was held on Tuesday, March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th; 6:30pm-8:00pm

God Bless You, Faye M Smith Foulk



Boy Scouts transformed Activity Center into a Pine Wood Derby Race Track



Kutztown Twirlers

April

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Scheduled Church Activities

“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you”. ~ Romans 8:11



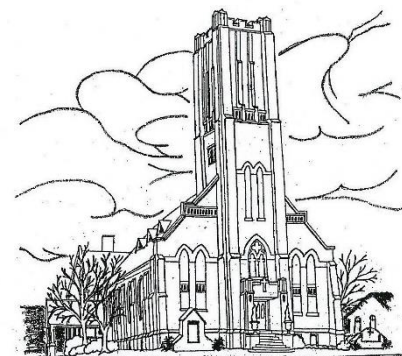
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	3 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 6pm Praise Team 7pm Prayer Group	4 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 7:00pm Choir	5	6
7 9:00 SS/Confirmation 10:15am Worship/Communion	8 Elders meeting 7pm	9 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	10 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 6pm Praise Team 7pm Prayer Group	11 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 7:00pm Choir	12	13
14 9:00 SS/Confirmation 10:15am Worship Love Offering for Gideons	15	16 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	17 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 6pm Praise Team 7pm Prayer Group	18 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 7:00pm Choir	19	20
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April

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Scheduled Activity Center Activities

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
~ Galatians 2:20



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church Board 7pm	2 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am FPUC 6:30-8:00pm	3 PG 3:30-5pm	4 SM 9:30-12:00pm HS 1-3pm	5 Twirlers 5:30-9pm	6 Private Celebration
7 NYAA VB 6-7:30pm	8	9 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am FPUC 6:30-8:00pm	10 PG 3:30-5pm	11 HS 1-3pm	12 Twirlers 5:30-9pm	13
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