

† 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” †

How Do You Tell the Story?

The Hebrews refer to their whole Bible as the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings. Commands repeated in each of these three main sections should be heeded and obeyed carefully. It is not as if a command or principle appearing in just one of the three sections is not important; it is just that things repeated in each of the three are *major* themes and so demand more focused attention. God’s directive for every parent to tell their children of His mighty deeds and saving acts is repeated often in the Law, Prophets, and Writings. Telling the next generation about what God has historically done for us as it is recorded in the bible, and what He is doing in our lives now, is a crucial element in the Holy Spirit’s strategy to draw those generations following us into the faith.

So how do you tell the story? There are of course many variations on this singular theme, especially when it involves the details of how God has personally delivered you from the ravages of sin, rebellion, and death; but in the end, everyone’s story must include the elements of God’s kind actions toward us motivated by His great love for all peoples everywhere quite apart from any good works that we have done. We are saved by His marvelous grace through faith.

For the Hebrews, the retelling of their deliverance had to include God’s deliverance of the Israelite slaves from bondage in Egypt, the exodus. The tenth plague that was coming upon all who were in Egypt, the killing of the firstborn son, was directed at *everyone*, both Jew and Egyptian, except those who exercised faith in the command God gave to Moses to put the blood of a lamb on the lintel and doorposts of their homes (Exodus 12). When the great I AM came in judgment, He promised to pass over any home where the parents who by faith had spread the blood.

The later generations of Hebrews who wrestled with how to obey the Exodus narrative in the retelling of the story at the prescribed Passover meal settled on a few musts that had to be included every time. Since the *Torah* (the Law) commanded the slaughter and eating of the *Paschal* (Passover) Lamb with *matzot* (unleavened bread) and *maror* (bitter herbs), those two elements must be perpetually on the table at every subsequent Passover meal. Interestingly, the Rabbis who survived the final destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D. concluded that lamb can no longer be served at Passover because it can no longer be slaughtered in the temple by priests of Aaronic lineage. Most importantly, however, Exodus includes several *mitzvot* (commandments) that direct fathers to teach their children about the Exodus (Exo 10:2, 12:26; 13:8, 14; cf. Deut 6:12).

Those basic *mitzvot*, however, are quite basic compared to the many rituals the Jews include in the *Seder* (the service order) when they recite the *Haggadah* (the telling). Truthfully, we Christians do the same. We include in our Christmas celebrations many wonderful elements that have no basis in the Gospels. Like the Jews in the *Haggadah*, we also assign special meanings to these elements to justify why we have included them like saying the evergreen of a Christmas tree points us to the promise of eternal life. In either case, what is critical in telling the story is not the preservation of these superfluous, but rather enjoyable, traditions. What is necessary from God's perspective is that we are faithfully and repeatedly retelling the message of God's great deliverance to the next generation and encouraging them constantly to embrace this salvation by faith.

At the end of the Lenten season this year, I will lead our Jacob's church family in a Seder meal so we can experience together the retelling of Jesus' wondrous work on the cross and see how deeply Christ's work is grounded in and foreshadowed by our Old Testaments and surprisingly rooted in Jewish ritual. I hope you will join us in the wonder of that retelling. Until then, keep sharing the story of our so great salvation with everyone you meet.
Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Stan Newton



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. If you prefer, please do not hesitate to call, email or text Church Secretary, Faye Foulk at 610.751.5742, secretary@jacobschurch.org



Online Giving Now Available!

Jacob's Church now offers the option to give securely online. You can opt to give by ACH or credit card on a one time or recurring basis.

To sign up visit:

<https://jacobschurch.org/give>

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



Sign up for an account today!

Jacob's Church Online Giving Guide

First Time User Account Setup

Step 1: Go to <https://jacobschurch.churchtrac.com/give>

Step 2: Click "Create an Account" in the upper center of the screen.

Step 3: Enter your email address and click "continue."

Step 4: Enter your name and phone number, then press "continue."

Step 5: You will be emailed a temporary password, use that password to sign in through the sign in screen. Click "Continue."

Step 6: You will be prompted to change your password. Type in your new password and click "continue."

Step 7: You will get a message on the screen that says, "Online Giving will be available after your church approves your registration." The Church administrators will need to approve your account before you continue. Once approved, you will get an email notifying you that it has been approved.

Step 8: You can now securely give to Jacob's church online via ACH, Credit Card, and Google Pay.

Linking a Payment Source to Your Account

Credit Card

Step 1: Enter the amount you want to give. (You can opt to check the box to cover the processing fees.)

Step 2: Click "Enter a New Payment Source," then click "Enter Payment Details."

Step 3: Select "Card" as your payment method and enter your card details.

Step 4: Click the button to charge your card.

Bank Account (ACH)

Step 1: Enter the amount you want to give. (You can opt to check the box to cover the processing fees.)

Step 2: Click "Enter a New Payment Source," then click "Enter Payment Details."

Step 3: Select "US Bank Account" as your payment method. Enter you email and full name.

Step 4a: If you have online bank access – Search for your bank using the search feature. Click on your bank, once found. Press "Agree and Continue." Enter you bank login credentials, then press submit. Check the bank account that you want to link.

Step 4b: If you do not have online bank access – Click "Enter bank details manually instead." Enter your account details. Your bank information will be verified via micro-deposits to your account, typically within 1-2 business days. You will need to verify your account by entering the amount of the micro-deposit that was made to your bank account.

Step 5: Click the button to charge your bank account.



Giving Options

Amount

You can enter any amount that you wish to give to Jacob's Church. You can opt to help cover the processing fees by clicking the box at the bottom of the giving screen.

Fund

Your donation will automatically default to general offerings unless you specify otherwise. If you wish to give to a specific fund specify in the drop down to the right of the amount. If the fund you wish to donate to is not listed in the drop down, contact the church treasurer.

Recurring Donations

You can set up recurring donations, to do this click "Repeat" while on the giving screen, then set your preferred giving schedule. You can choose to give weekly, biweekly, or monthly.

Giving History

You can see your giving history in your Church Connect profile (which you created when you made your online giving account). This shows you your giving history whether you pay by cash, check, ACH, or credit card. Your yearly contribution statement can also be downloaded here. You can sign up for a Church Connect account without using the online giving feature. To see your giving history:

Step 1: Click the menu button (the three horizontal lines in the upper left-hand corner of your screen).

Step 2: Click "My Giving History"

If you have any questions, contact the church treasurer at treasurer@jacobschurch.org

To access Church, Connect visit; <https://jacobschurch.churchtrac.com>

For help downloading the app, visit; <https://www.churchtrac.com/support/connect/install-church-connect-app>

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work

II Corinthians 9:8



◆ Jacob's Church Board Meeting ◆

December 4, 2023

Present: Elder Ron Belknap; Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Kayla Fusselman, Jared Hermany, Kaitey Sacks, Ed Sawyer, Diane Wertman. Church Secretary: Faye Foulk. Financial Secretary: Kelly Mease.
No Visitors.

1. Kevin Dellicker open in prayer.

2. Treasure's Report prepared by Andrea Hermany and reviewed. Motion to accept treasure's report by Ed Sawyer and 2nd by Kaitey Sacks; motion carried.

Old Business

3. Property Committee Report: Jared reported that budget for 2023 was spent for this year. List of projects recently completed: driveway paved at the activity center; pad poured for dumpster; and painted interior of Wuchter House. The plan for 2024 includes repair and repaint of activity center bathrooms; replacement of broken tiles at activity center doorway; replacement of activity center water fountain; and installing air conditioning ductwork in balcony area of church. Pastor Stan's office walls have been repaired and painted.

More discussion needed on how and when to replace church carpeting.

4. Doctrine Committee Report: No report; Pastor Stan was absent due to illness.

5. Christian Ed Committee Report: No report; Pastor Stan was absent due to illness.

6. Annual Congregational Meeting: Ron reports that the meeting went well. Budget for 2024 approved. Clarification of Men's Ministry Budget of \$800 is for the Wednesday Morning Men's Breakfast Gathering.

New board members voted for 2024: Elder- Mike Follweiler; deacons- Mike Bailey and Tom Foulk.

7. Ed Sawyer reported that the adult retreat at Twin Pines had a good turnout with 18 participants. Pastor Stan blessed those attending with a teaching on the Covenants of God. The women again won the Pictionary Tournament with 2 wins out of 3 games played. Next year the retreat will be November 8th -10th, 2024.

January – February 2024, Twin Pines will be holding 'Winter Thaw Weekends' for the youth. There will be funding to support any middle school/high school youth from Jacob's church who want to attend. For more information, contact Ed Sawyer.

8. Organ Maintenance Update: Ron reports that the organ was tuned, and keys are functioning correctly once more. A thorough 'overhaul' is scheduled to happen early next year.

New Business

9. Board Changes: President Ron Belknap will be completing his term of office this year. Kevin Dellicker elected to not fill a 2nd term. Jared Hermany will be completing his term of office this year as well but will continue to serve on the property committee. A big thank you to all who served.

January 7th, 2024, will be the installation of new Board Members. Welcome to Elder Mike Follweiler and Deacons Mike Bailey and Tom Foulk.

Two church members requested to be removed from membership: Rachael Roth and Ehren C. Staudt.

10. Youth Minister Update: Submitted by Will Dellicker.

-Had 2 successful Impact Breakfasts, time has been changed to 8:00 at Katie's. Next one will be Dec. 16th

- Coordinated the gathering of and dropped off about 75 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

- Attended LV Prayer Breakfast with Pastor Stan and other Jacob's members.

- Met with Stan and a Church family member for a Counseling Session on Nov. 21st
- Led Wednesday night prayer meeting on 11/28
- Had 1 dinner and 1 breakfast with two young adults from Church
- Took confirmation class member and their sibling on a fishing trip on 11/12
- Had two meetings with other local Pastors about local ministry in the Lehigh Valley
- Hosted 4 Sunday Morning Bible studies
- Gathering interest from Church young adults about Winter Thaw youth retreat at Twin Pines and Winter Jam concert in Reading.
- Lastly, I officially have my orders to Africa. I leave December 31st. I can also share a copy of my orders with anyone who may need them.

11. Jacob’s Church Activities Center Purpose Rules, Fees and Procedures was reviewed with recommendations made by Faye Foulk Activity Center Director. The board reviewed the proposed changes which included an increase in gym and meeting room fees as well as kitchen fees. New fees will be in effect 2024. Reservations already made for next year will still be at the 2023 rate. Please see Faye for more information. Ed Sawyer made a motion to accept the recommendations, Kayla Fusselman 2nd, motion carried.

12. Correction to the November minutes should read:
 Music Committee submitted Melinda Kelly for the *Organist/Choir* Director position to the Board. A motion was made by Jared Hermany to approve November minutes with correction as stated; Kayla Fusselman 2nd; motion carried.

13. Next Elders Meeting December 11, 2023; next Board Meeting January 8, 2024.

14. Kevin Dellicker closed in prayer. A motion made to adjourn the meeting by Jared Hermany, Kevin Dellicker 2nd, motion carried.

Recorded and submitted by Diane Wertman

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, February 5, 2024.
Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, February 12, 2024.

At our December 4, 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,551.00 per week in order to meet our 2023 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in December 2023:

December 3	\$5,418.00
December 10	\$4,984.00
December 17	\$7,590.00
December 24	\$4,642.00
December 24	\$2,940.00
December 31	\$5,439.00
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-December	\$236,652.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-December	\$262,848.34
Surplus for December 2023	\$ 26,246.34

Choir Corner by Melinda Kelly

The choir members and I would like to welcome Kerry and Linda Besch to the choir. It is a pleasure to have them sing with us. There is, of course, still room for anyone else who would like to join us. We rehearse on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:00PM.

Currently, we have begun practicing anthems for Ash Wednesday and Lent. I have scheduled a variety of anthems for the winter and spring part of the choir year. We will be singing everything from a Bach piece to a Welsh hymn to contemporary style music.

A few people have asked what my background is, so I thought I would give you a short version of my work history. I have a degree in Music Education from good old Lebanon Valley College! I have only served two churches in the past as Director of Music – my home church, St. John's Lutheran in Gibraltar, PA for two years and Calvary Lutheran Church in Laureldale, PA for 32 years (where Pastor Richard Schaefer preached. He was the husband of Ruth Rahn Schaefer. Does this ring any bells?). I played the organ, directed 3 or 4 vocal choirs and 2 handbell choirs.

I also taught Junior High (three years) and Elementary (23 years) general and vocal music in the Muhlenberg and Boyertown School Districts. I directed three choruses at Boyertown, and also directed the pit orchestra for two musicals while I was at the Junior High. I retired from teaching five years ago.

I am happy to be here at Jacob's and have been enjoying playing the organ again. Just an update on the organ, there will be some repairs that will begin sometime after Easter. Some of the pedal pipes and with wind chests will be removed for repair and renovation. The work is estimated to take about four weeks, so the organ will sound a little different during this time, but looking forward to the pedals working properly!



† **Jacob's Church Commitments for February** †
 † **THANK YOU FOR SERVING!** †

Flowers for February

February 4 5th Birthday of Lucas Sawyer from Sawyer Family

February 11 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

February 18 Happy Anniversary – Dick and Joan Oswald (2/14)

February 25 In memory of Pearl Follweiler & Hattie Smith
 Follweiler and Foulk



Puppet Ministry

Sunday, February 11, 2024
 Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer
Sunday, February 25, 2024
 Rose Moyer and 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**

Contact Pam Zoghby to order flowers (610.298.3002). The chart is posted in the east vestibule on the Church Bulletin Board. Sign Up Today!

Greeters/Ushers for February

February 4 Jacob's Church Board

February 11 Charlene and Jared Silva
 Edward and Tracey Swayer

February 14 Jacob's Church Board

February 18 David Held and Patricia Leiby
 Donna Leiser and Loretta Peters

February 25 Jim and Rose Moyer
 Dick and Joan Oswald

Sunday Morning Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

February Scripture Readers

February 4 Bill Dellicker

February 11 Alexandria Rauch-Mannino

February 18 Noelle Rauch-Mannino

February 25 Carla Newton

February Acolyte
Gavin Heiter

◆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 February Wedding Anniversaries:

*Ben and Emily Blotz
Bruce and Cheryl Fidler
Neil and Mary Ann Oswald
Richard and Joan Oswald
Jay and Rachael Scheffler*



† Birth...

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” John 3:6

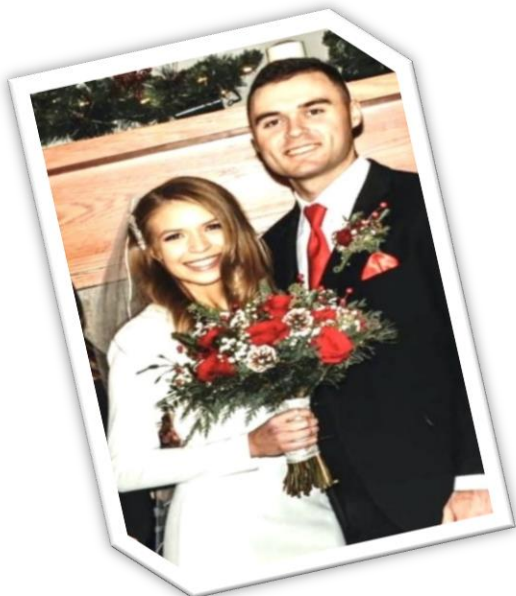
Congratulations to Brandon Fidler and Elayna Houser! Their bundle of joy, Paisley Ann Fidler was born on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 8:28am, weighting five pounds and ten.three ounces and nineteen inches long. The pound grandparents are Bruce and Cheryl (Miller) Filder; maternal great-grandmother is Lucille (Ruppert) Miller; maternal great-great-grandmother is Shirley (Hausman) Ruppert. Many extended families are members of our Jacob’s Church Family. Congratulations Brandon and Elayna from your Jacob’s Church Family.



† Marriage 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 Taryn Danner, who were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, December 23, 2023. Caleb is the son of Thomas and Candice (Snyder) Danner of New Tripoli. May God’s Blessings be upon Caleb and Taryn!



† 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 Marion Marie (Schroeder) Hermany, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the age of 86-11-14. Marion is the daughter of the late Anson James (1909-1974) and Virgie M. Kuhn (1913-1994) Schroeder, born in Albany Township on 23 January 1937. Marion was a 1954 graduate and Salutatorian of Kutztown High School. Marion is survived by her children Dr. Debra K. Hermany, Susan L. (Dwayne) Scheidt, Steven D. (Lisa) Hermany, Regan S. Hermany, and Ronald N. Hermany. Marion is also survived by her grandchildren, Amiee, Nicole, Courtney, Kyle, Conner; great-grandchildren, Kieran, Jaxon, Ryan, Lucas, Madison, Ava, and Kendalyn. Marion was predeceased by her long-time companion of forty-three years, Joseph David Feinour (1932-2023), and her half-brother, Lawrence George Rabert. Marion's funeral service was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the Nester Funeral Home, New Tripoli, interment in Jacobs Union Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Stanley C. Newton. Please keep the Hermany family 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 Barbara Ann (Rump) Jenkins, who entered eternal rest on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at the age of 73-7-12. Barbara is the daughter of the late Harlan "John" Lester (1917-1987) and Betty Jean Kunkel (1929-2017) Rump. She was born on June 4, 1950 in Reading PA; confirmed at Jacob's Union Church on April 5, 1964 with the late Rev. Richard H. Schaeffer officiating. Barbara was the widow of John W. Jenkins, who passed away in 2015. Please keep the Jenkins 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 John D. Bailey, who entered eternal rest on Friday, January 19, 2024 at the age of 82-0-17. John is the son of the late Adam Samuel (1905-1960) and Naomi Pauline Long (1904-1985) Bailey, past members of our Jacob's Church Family. Private services were held in the Jacobs Union Cemetery on Thursday, January 25th, officiated by Rev. James LeVan. Please keep the Bailey family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy from the Jacob's Church Family.



◆ February Happenings at Jacob's Church ◆

Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, February 4, 2024 during the 10:15am worship service. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" John 6:51



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, February 1st and Thursday, February 15th.

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).

Men's Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast has been cancelled until further notice. Thank You.

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

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

Ladies Night Out! Will meet on Monday, February 19th at 6:30pm in the Church parlor. FMI contact Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567)

IMPACT – will be held first (2/3) and third (2/17) Saturday of January 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).

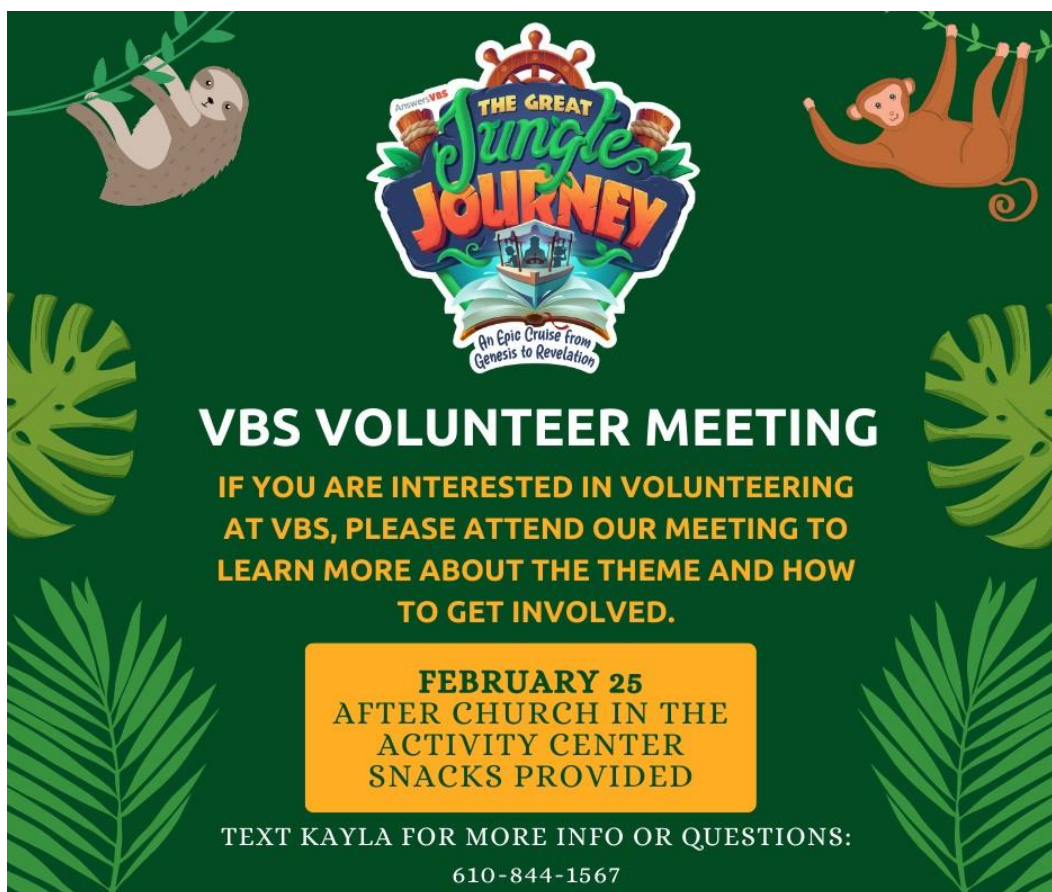
In Search Of – Jacob's Church is hiring an IT Director and Music Director. If you are interested, see the job description, and apply online at jacobschurch.org.

Ash Wednesday - We begin our Lenten season of preparing our hearts for Easter by recognizing our brokenness, and need for turning our hearts to God. Join us at Jacob's Church on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00pm. Communion will be served at the altar.

Lenten Season begins, Wednesday, February 21st and continues through Wednesday, March 27th with a covered dish at 6:30pm and the series titled, "A Survey of Church History" at 7:00pm by Rev. Stan Newton. The church will provide salad/bread and the congregation will provide their best soups! A sign-up sheet for Wednesday soups is posted in the parlor area.

Passover Seder - At the end of the Lenten season this year, on Thursday, March 28th Rev. Newton will lead our Jacob's church family in a Seder meal. So, we can experience together the retelling of Jesus' wonderful work on the cross and see how deeply Christ's work is grounded in and foreshadowed by our Old Testaments and surprisingly rooted in Jewish ritual. Please join us in the wonder of that retelling. Please check out the Sunday bulletins, and March Newsletter for additional information.

Easter Flowers – Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for the Easter morning service with colorful flowering plants. Lilies \$10, Daffodils 9, Hyacinths \$8, Tulips \$8. Please use the sign-up sheet in the church parlor, fill out the envelope provided in the box along with your payment. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 10th. Any questions, please contact Pam Zoghby (610.298.3002).



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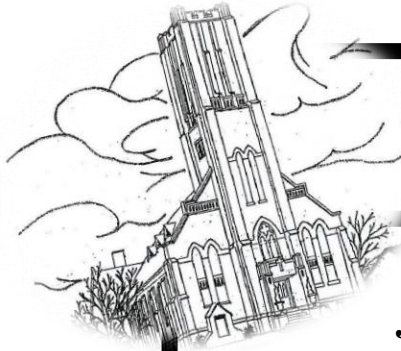
This nine-week class will meet every Tuesday in the Activity Center 6:30-8:00 PM starting March 5, 2024

Sign up using this link or by scanning the QR code
<https://www.fpu.com/A79733>



Contact Jen Mease for more information
484-357-6046 or jenmease@ptd.net





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Faye Foulk at 610.751.5742

or visit the Jacob's Church website

Jacobschurch.org/fastnachts

For your convenience Fastnachts order sheet
is also posted in the parlor area of the church

PICK UP Friday, February 9, 2024

From 3:00pm – 5:00pm

PICK UP Saturday, February 10, 2024

from 9:00am – 12:00pm

PICK UP Sunday, February 11, 2024

From 9:00am -11:00am

Fastnacht helpers

Please sign up on the sheet posted in the church parlor area.

Please indicate which day/days you are able to help,

Thursday, February 8th, Friday, February 9th

and/or Saturday, February 10th



◆ Jacob's Church Little Lambs Preschool ◆



We are having "Snow" much fun this winter in preschool!

Enrollment is now open for classes in September. Please contact Jill at jsabo615@aol.com, if you or anyone you know would like to enroll!



◆ Look Who Is In The News! ◆



Joan Oswald



NWL recognizes past wrestlers!
Go Dellickers!



Andrew Sawyer & Cody Utt



Lincoln Fusselman



Lucas Sawyer and his snowman



NWL Volleyball and
Basketball Teams
practice at Jacob's



◆ Thank You! ◆

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



Dear Jacob's Church

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas surprise. A gift that provides winter warmth, mind sharpening entertainment, lots of good wishes and candy canes... Who could ask for anything more?! Touched by your thoughtfulness, we feel blessed to be members of the Jacob's Church Family. Wishing you all the peace and promise of Christ's birth in the brand-new year.

Dave and Dee Stepan



Jacob's Church,
Thank you all for helping us get to the point that we have the plane tickets, the payment for the operation arrived in Columbia, and we are off to Columbia Monday to get Eysbel her long awaited surgery so she can eat by mouth again. I will update you all with the actual date of the surgery so you all can pray for a successful surgery.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you God!

Bobby Mo

Dear Jacob's Church
I enjoyed your Advent worship several weeks ago. A real blessing! Thank you so much for your generous gift. All funds are now at work touching lives.

Blessings,
John (and Natalie) Teufel

Dear Jacob's Church

Dave and I want to thank you for your very generous year-end gift. We are very grateful for your prayers for our work and your giving. We absolutely love the work God has called us to in the city. Thank you for all of the ways your church help move the gospel forward!

With love, Katie and Dave Brinley



◆ Missions! ◆

What an awesome finish to 2023!

Your prayers and generous year end giving are touching and providing hope to countless previously desperate lives. Thank you for the trust you place in Natalie and me.

In spite of triggering fraud alerts and being temporarily suspended by one and then another money transfer organizations because of it, all (\$19.32 remains in the account) of your generous gifts are at work lives in lives and villages. Funds went to friends/leaders in Myanmar, Nepal and India to help with prioritized urgent causes. I am especially grateful to those of you who felt urgency and took time out your busy holiday schedules to drop by our home or tracked us down to personally to deliver checks.

1 Sewing machine microloans to several sewing class single mother graduates will support their families. The gifts are to honor a special Mother and Grandmother with sewing connections and will be acknowledged accordingly.

2 An anonymous check was dropped off in response to reading about a need for 200 more feet of borewell pipe to provide clean pure water to villages. Water was being carried from ponds and rivers of many km. away. I am always happy to share specific project needs for those of you wanting to peruse and chose specific projects or portions of them.

3 Several basic instruments and song books are being provided for house churches in slum areas. These include two Dholaks (drums), a guitar, and four dulces (tambourines) for a total of \$111.

4 we are now close to finalizing funding for a floor in a tiny church in the refugee area of Manipur where folks sit for hours on mats covering the now cold and wet mud floor.

5. We are close and hope to complete final purchase of vegetable growing land for the children of New Hope Orphanage in Andhra Pradesh. (The one in the pictures of our recent visit to India) Land is very rich but expensive and three crops a year are anticipated to feed nutritious food and provide agricultural and business experience to the children. Interestingly, two major gifts came from US couples with a love of and appreciation of organic vegetables and farming and a bond will be formed.

6 There will be 50 warm blankets taken to widows in the frigid mountainous area of Nepal this week; not an easy winter journey. There is normally not heat in houses or even cars in the Himalayan areas of Nepal and India and I have endured both places in January! You are also providing warm sweaters (and some Bibles) for Widows in the refugee camps in Manipur, India across the border from war-torn Myanmar.

7 Numerous holiday outreaches are planned and/or are in progress in many areas. Showing the Jesus Film coupled with food will draw many to a first encounter. You are providing a case each of New Testaments and book of John in local languages and they are ready for those interested. (although many, especially women, are illiterate)

8 Local churches and organizations are sponsoring several more borewells in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh, India and pictures of those groups will be shared and acknowledged. Several other borewells honor recently deceased friends. We now prioritize the villages who raise the most money for their own needs to build and reinforce self-sufficiency. We are now paying a 16% decreased cost because of our growing relationship with (and prayers for) the driller. He is touched by what you do for neglected people. I am always alert of prices and I am grateful none are even close to what we pay to our trusted drilling partner.

9 A friend in Myanmar will leave tomorrow to navigate through military checkpoint for about 50 hours to get to the Chin tribal people in war torn areas of Northern Myanmar (Burma). He will have food and his mini battery-operated projector to show the Jesus Film in Burmese and other local dialects.

10 Sadri language New Testaments and Hindi book of John are being provided along with medical treatment to the poor tea garden tribal people on the Bhutan border by a Doctor friend. They earn about \$1.54/day when they can work seasonally.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Blessings, John and Nat

Update on Eysbel

It took 7 hours for the operation to be complete, but God was with this girl and she will be just fine. Right now, she has tubes coming out all over her little body. Tough for me to see. The doctor said she will be taking food by mouth in 1 week. That is music to our ears. Thank you all for your overwhelming support and prayers for Eysbel. more updates to come. Bobby Mo

JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

January 26, 2024

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

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th; starting at 9:30am and ending approximately at 11:30am.

Men's Prayer Bible Study Breakfast gathered together on Wednesday, January 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th at 7:00am. Has been cancelled until further notice!

Stephen Ministers held their meeting on Thursday, January 18th.

Crossroads Community Church Homeschool use the center Thursday afternoons. New Tripoli Homeschool use the center Wednesday afternoons.

Kutztown Lady Twirlers held practices on Friday, January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th and also on Saturday, January 13th.

Between NYAA Basketball, Lacrosse, Softball, Soccer, and Volleyball, the groups used the center most every evening in January. When gym was available between events, an after-school shoot around occurred a few afternoons this month.

Private celebrations were held on Saturday, January 20th and 27th.

God Bless You,

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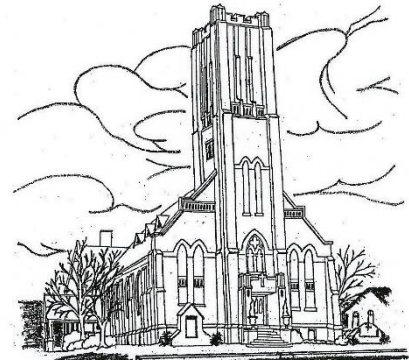
February

2024

Scheduled Church Activities

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God. Psalm 42:2**

**February 10th – Pick Up Fastnachts
February 14th – Ash Wednesday
February 18th – First Sunday in Lent**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:00pm Choir	2	3
4 9:00 SS/Confirmation 10:15am Worship/Communion	5 Church Board 7pm	6 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	7 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 6pm Praise Team 7pm Prayer Mtg	8 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:00pm Choir	9	10
11 9:00 SS/Confirmation 10:15am Worship	12 Elders meeting 7pm	13 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	14 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 7pm Ash Wed Ser.	15 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:00pm Choir	16	17
18 9:00 SS/Confirmation 10:15am Worship	19	20 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	21 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 6pm Praise Team 7pm Prayer Mtg	22 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:00pm Choir	23	24
25 9:00 SS/Confirmation 10:15am Worship	26	27 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	28 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 6pm Praise Team 7pm Prayer Mtg	29 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal		

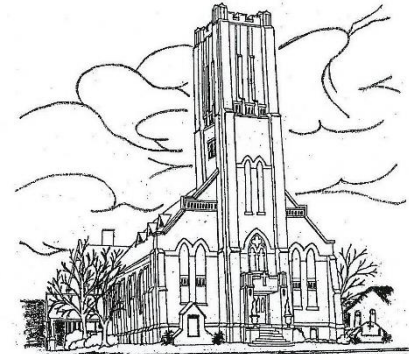
February

2024

Scheduled Activity Center Activities

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

February 8th – Fastnachts
February 9th - Fastnachts
February 10th - Fastnachts



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 SM 9:30-12:00pm HS 1-3pm Soccer 4:15-5:45 NYAA BB 6-9pm	2 HS Prayer 10-12 HS Prayer 3-4 Twirlers 5:30-9pm	3 Private Celebration
4 NYAA Softball 1-4pm NYAA VB 6-7:30pm	5 NYAA VB 6-9pm	6 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am NYAA 6-9pm	7 HS 1-4pm NYAA BB 6-9pm	8 Fastnachts 8:00am HS 1-3pm Soccer 4:15-5:45 NYAA BB 6-9pm	9 Fastnachts HS Prayer 10-12 HS Prayer 3-4 Twirlers 5:30-9pm	10 Fastnachts Private Celebration
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18 NYAA Softball 1-4pm NYAA VB 6-7:30pm	19 NYAA LAX 6-7pm	20 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am NYAA 6-9pm	21 HS 1-4pm NYAA BB 6-9pm	22 HS 1-3pm Soccer 4:15-5:45 NYAA BB 6-9pm	23 HS Prayer 10-12 HS Prayer 3-4 Twirlers 5:30-9pm	24 Private Celebration
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