

† 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” †

True Worship

When Jesus was talking to the Samaritan woman at the well, He said a time was coming when true worshippers would worship the Father in spirit and truth. That whole encounter has always intrigued me, especially that statement about worship. On the surface, it seems simple, but if you peek under the hood a bit there is quite a bit to ponder there.

Before diving into that statement, I want to investigate the conversation itself. Most folks know that the Jews and Samaritans did not get along. The Jews saw the Samaritans as half-breeds and the Samaritans hated the Jews for their uppity attitudes towards everyone else. Jesus undoubtedly knew of those prejudices and simply chose to ignore them. The women, however, did not and thought it necessary to bring those prejudices up.

Jesus ignored those prejudices, but not her. No, He took her and her questions seriously. Just like He does you. It is nice to know our Savior takes both us and our questions seriously. He is never dismissive. He may be blunt and corrective, but never dismissive. Remember that when go to Him in prayer with something troublesome to you.

Back to that statement, because that simple statement has generated a legion of questions for Bible readers for centuries.

First of all, Jesus said a time was coming when true worshippers would worship in spirit and truth. Has that time come? Is that what we are doing now, or is it still future? I think it has. I think the Holy Spirit in us has added a new dynamic unknown to those before Jesus' arrival.

Next, when Jesus said a time was coming when true worshippers would worship in spirit and truth, does that mean everything before that was false? I do not think so. Those who had obeyed God's commands before Jesus' first advent were not offering false worship as they brought their sacrifices. The issue of false worship in the OT is related to the practice of idolatry, when people mixed in strange gods with what God had prescribed.

So, what was Jesus getting at? Quite a bit more than I can write in this article, but the main point I want to draw on here is that He also said, "Neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father, but a time is coming when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth," because that helps us understand what a true worshipper is.

Jesus was saying that the externals were not as important as the internals, especially because it was partly the externals that were keeping the Jews and the Samaritans apart. Jesus said that part needed serious recalibration because He wants us to be as one as He and the Father are one. We need to focus on where our hearts are when we come.

We cannot just worship with everyone, because we worship the Father. Not everyone does. Not everyone joining us is filled with the Spirit. We should invite them to be. God is willing to pour out the Spirit on all those who trust in Jesus. Not everyone knows the truth well either, but we can purpose to know the Scriptures better as we gather.

The issue then before us is to check our hearts. In May, I am starting a new sermon series titled Worship Involves. I hope it involves you as we all pursue what it means to be a true worshipper seeking together our great God and Father through Christ. Soli Deo Gloria.

Pastor Stan Newton



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◆ Jacob's Church Board Meeting ◆

March 4, 2024

Attendance: Senior Pastor Stan Newton; Elders: Mike Follweiler, Dave Zoghby (president)
Deacon: Mike Bailey, Tom Foulk, Kayla Fusselman, Kaitey Sacks, Diane Wertman
Treasurer: Kelly Mease; Church Secretary: Faye Foulk; Visitors: Jared Hermany, Andrea Hermany
Board Members Absent: Mike Madtes, Ed Sawyer

1. Opening Prayer and Devotions by Pastor Stan. He presented the requirements for the Catechetical class which include the verbal understanding of the creation narrative from Genesis, the ability to answer the 52 questions from The New City Catechism for Kids by Crossway Publishing and each individual's confession of faith to be shared with the church elders.

2. Visitors:

Visitor Jared Hermany- presented report on the evaluation of current church audio system by Entertainment Services. Various members of the church board as well as praise team met with them while they tested and gave their evaluation of the audio system of which many components are at least 40 years old and not functioning to support the music ministry. The evaluation included a demonstration of new floor speaker which in everyone's estimation vastly improved the sound quality. After the report presentation by Jared which included a quote of \$31,247.43 to replace the audio system, the church board requested that Entertainment Services meet with us at our church board meeting to answer questions before taking it to the Church Membership for a vote. A quote was also given for the possible installation of a rear confidence projector which would assist the praise team as well as Pastor Stan by displaying words and music onto the back of the sanctuary. The projected cost is \$8967.20 which requires further discussion with Entertainment Services at a church board meeting. Jared will contact Entertainment services to set up a date they can meet with the church board.

Visitor Andrea Hermany- presented a job description for a keyboard accompanist for Praise and Worship. The description was developed by Andrea as well as Ron Naddeo and Mike Madtes. A motion was made to approve the keyboard job description by Kaitlin and seconded by Kayla; motion carried. The job will be posted on Facebook as well as Jacob's church website and church bulletin. A \$500 allotment was approved for advertising.

3. Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Total Income for month of February 2024	\$42,826.99
Total expenses for month of February is	\$22,751.64
Net Profit	\$20,075.35
Less Restricted Income	\$15,618.79
Net Unrestricted Profit	\$4456.56

Corrected Treasurer's Report for January 2024

Total Income for January 2024	\$31,454.63
Total Expenses for January	\$25,040.32
Net Profit	\$6414.31
Less Restricted Income	\$7917.22
Net Unrestricted Loss	\$1502.91

4. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Kayla and seconded by Kaitey; motion carried.

5. Approval of February Church Board Minutes- Motion made by Kaitlin to accept minutes; Kayla seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

6. Property Committee: Five alarm system protocols notifications changed from Ron Hartman to Tom Foulk. Instructions at phone in nursery. Code 1234 to notify cancellation of alarm.
Pastor's office development – no update.

7. Christian Ed Committee Update- VBS meeting 3/25 well attended. Plans underway for egg hunt on Saturday March 30.

8. Organ Maintenance to start after Easter March 31, 2024.

9. Music Committee Update- A praise night (date to be determined) is in the planning stages.

10. Pastor Topics- Mike Bailey accompanied Pastor Stan on Topton Home visit. Pastor Stan also visited several members at their residences. He and Pastor Shay conducted the funeral of Ruth Kaley. New members class consist of Mike and Melinda Kelly; Rodney and Esther Mastauskas; and Alan and Tammy VanParys.
Youth Minister Update: Jared Silva continues to conduct Sunday children's message and assist with Confirmation Class.

Will Dellicker still serving in Africa and has reupped for 3 more years with the reserves.

Lenten Services have been well attended; plans continue for Passover Seder and Good Friday Services.

11. Cemetery Association update given by Tom Foulk. Plans are in progress to meet with other cemetery associations in the area to discuss possible solutions to manage the increase costs generated by Esterly Burial Vault.

12. Church Activities. Game night/movie night went well. Next movie night March 22 in the church.

Monday Nights Women group suggested Pitch and Switch June 7-8, 2024. People will bring items that are functioning and in good condition but no longer needed. People can exchange their item for another item that meets their needs.

A motion was made by Mike Follweiler and seconded by Mike Bailey to proceed with plans for Pitch and Switch; motion carried.

13. Missions Committee- Teen Challenge date to be determined. Bob Moyer will be attending Sunday service on 3/10; Gideons will be attending Sunday service on 4/14.

14. Activity Center tables - Dave reports he and Ron are continuing to work on acquiring round tables for the activity center.

15. Fox property - Mike F reports no updates.

New Business

16. Wuchter house rental - Dave reports there are church members looking to rent the property for the next 12 months or more, looking to move in before May 1st. Dave also reports that repairs/updates need to be finished in the unit including putting down new flooring on the first floor, replacing the dishwasher, replacing the UV light and other miscellaneous maintenance. Mike B made a motion to rent out the unit and allow Dave Z to negotiate a rental agreement within the parameters discussed; seconded by Mike F; motion carried.

17. Envelope mailing list - Kelly reports that she will be working with Faye and Bonnie to create a letter to send out to all members that will explain new on-line offering options. Members that have not used the envelopes in the last 3 years will no longer automatically receive giving envelopes in the mail.

Next Elders’ meeting March 11 at 7pm.
Next Church Board meeting April 1 at 7 pm.

Pastor Stan closed in prayer.
Mike B made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Kayla; motion carried.

Recorded and Submitted by Diane Wertman, Church Board Secretary.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, May 6, 2024.
Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, May 13, 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 March 2024:

March 3	\$5,717.90
March 10	\$4,521.90
March 17	\$7,185.90
March 24	\$5,185.90
March 29	\$ 785.00
March 31	\$7,338.90
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-March	\$69,563.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-March	\$74,404.10
Surplus for March 2024	\$ 4,841.10

MOTHER’S DAY, Sunday, May 12th
Mothers will be honored during worship service.

God took the fragrance of a flower...
The majesty of a tree...
The gentleness of morning dew...
The calm of a quiet sea...
The beauty of the twilight hour...
The soul of a starry night...
The laughter of a rippling brook...
The grace of a bird in flight...
Then God fashioned from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through
He called it simply - Mother.
~ Herbert Farnham ~



†Jacob's Church Commitments for May †

† THANK YOU FOR SERVING! †

Flowers for May

May 5 In memory of Ruth Nester ~ Paul Nester

May 12 Jacob's Altar Committee ~ Mother's Day

May 19 In memory of Fred Bowman ~ Daughters

May 26 In memory of Brandon Van Parys ~
Alan and Tammy Van Parys

May Acolyte
Rosalie Heiter

May Scripture Readers

May 5 Bill Dellicker

May 12 TBA

May 19 TBA

May 26 TBA

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)



May Greeters/Ushers

May 5 Jacob's Church Board

May 12 Confirmation Class

May 19 Roger and Cindy Kuhns

Rodney and Esther Mastauskas

May 26 Ron and Bonnie Belknap

Ron and Donna Smith

Sunday Morning Greeters arrive by 9:45am

Puppet Ministry

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer

May 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 May Wedding Anniversaries:

*Michael and Kimberly Blevins
Larnell and Sol Damon
Isaiah and Jenna Danner
Brad and Heather Eroh
Austin and Angela Foulk
Riley and Katie Fusselman
Cyrus and Jennifer Gehringer
Deane and Karen Hamm
Ronald and Cindy Loch
David and Marcia Miller
Jim and Rose Moyer*

*Orin and Ginger Moyer
Bruce and Loretta Peters
Michael and Anni Russo
John and Katarine Ryan
Joseph and Jenny Schick
Rev. Tad and Lauren Schlegel
Curtis and Joan Staudt
Michael and Vanessa Stepan
Brandon and Jordan Wessner
Seth and Briana Winters
Andrew and Whitney Zoghby*

✝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 Jordan and Khryстина (Kubeika) Smith! Their bundle of joy, Carson Jay Smith was born on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 4:11pm, weighing seven pounds, ten ounces and nineteen-five inches long. The pound paternal grandparents are Ron and Donna (Newhard) Smith; first time maternal grandparents, Ed and Deb Kubeika; excited paternal great-grandparents are Bernard and Corinne (Biery) Newhard. Congratulations Jordan and Khryстина from your Jacob's Church Family.



† 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 Eileen Theodora (Hamory) Bernhard, who entered eternal rest on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at the age of 77-6-15. Eileen is survived by her son, Daniel (Jennifer), and their children, Quentin, Jackson, Harrison, Jocelyn, Roselyn and Lillian Bernhard, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Please keep the Bernhard 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 Eleanor M. (Billig) Wessner, who entered eternal rest on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at the age of 87-8-7. Eleanor is the daughter of the late Gorman Rauch (1909-1998) and Regina M. Eschbach (1908-1991) Billig; the widow of the late Stanley J. Wessner (1936-2023). The Billig-Eschbach-Rauch-Wessner clan has been intertwined with the Jacob's Church Family for a century or two. Please keep the Wessner 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 Rose Marie (LeVan) Mudrick, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at the age of 85-4-10. Rosy was born in Wanamakers, PA on 20 November 1938, she is the daughter of the late Paul Greenawalt (1917-1969) and Elsie Anna nee Reinhart (1915-1991) LeVan. She was baptized on 31 December 1938, confirmed on 14 October 1951 both sacraments officiated by the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. Rosy is survived by her children, Kurt R. Nissen, Stephanie Paula (Mudrick) Farber, and Kelly Ann (Mudrick) Follweiler. Interment was held in the Jacobs Union Cemetery, services officiated by her nephew, Rev. James William LeVan. Please keep the Mudrick 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 Marian E. Bailey, who entered eternal rest on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at the age of 78-10-12. Marian is the daughter of the late Adam Samuel (1905-1960) and Naomi Pauline nee Long (1904-1985) Bailey, past members of our Jacob's Church Family, resting in Jacobs Union Cemetery. She is survived by her nephew, Kevin Reimert, a member of our Jacob's Church Family. Services were held on Friday, April 19th in the Nester Funeral Home, Inc., New Tripoli, interment followed in the Jacobs Union Cemetery, services officiated by Rev. James William LeVan. Please keep the Bailey family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences from the Jacob's Church Family.

◆ New Members of Jacob's Church ◆



Alan and Tammy Van Parys



Esther and Rodney Mastauskas



Michael and Melinda Kelly



We welcome you with joy as partners into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in His knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Lord. Welcome to Jacob's!

◆ May Happenings at Jacob's Church ◆



Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, May 5, 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 in the church bulletins to support the Teen Challenge Ministry 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.



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, May 2nd and Thursday, May 16th.

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).

Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer ~ Join us as we explore the word of God together and 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, May 20th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. FMI contact Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567)



IMPACT ~ will be held first (5/4) and third (5/18) Saturdays of May 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).

A Memorial Service is tentatively scheduled at Jacob's Union Cemetery on Sunday, May 26, 2024 beginning at 8:45AM



Graduates to be honored ~ On Sunday, June 9th during the morning worship service all College and High School Graduates who are members of Jacob's Church will be honored and presented with a gift. Anyone having a graduate in their family please contact Church Secretary, Faye Foulk at 610.751.5742 or secretary@jacobschurch.org. Thank you.

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.





Ladies Banquet ~ Saturday, May 4th!
5:30pm Fellowship ~ 6:00pm Dinner

Please join us!
God's Bee-utiful Creations!

Please see Faye Foulk (610.751.5742) or
Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567) for tickets

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

The kitchen crew will serve
Jacob's Church Meatloaf ~ Ham ~ potato filling
vegetable ~ dessert ~ coffee ~ tea ~ lemonade

MC ~ Rev. Stanley C. Newton
Music: Melinda Kelly
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

Please let Tom Foulk
(610.392.8925) know if you
could help throughout the day
and/or evening.
Lots of help is needed and
greatly appreciated!



GET READY FOR SWITCH 'N' PITCH 2024!
SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH ~ 11:00AM ~ 2:00PM
IN JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER

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 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!



Help is needed for the
Switch 'n' Pitch event,
please sign up on the
sheet posted in the
parlor area. Thank you!



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 ◆



April was a fun preschool month celebrating our Risen Lord and the amazing world he made for us! We explored Pond Life, Butterflies, celebrated Earth Day, and finished learning our ABC's! Next up...Graduation on Thursday, May 16th!!!



◆Look Who Is In The News!◆



Khrystina & Jordan with
baby, Carson



PRESS PHOTO BY NANCY SCHOLZ

Josh Farber struck out seven Saucon Valley batters over six innings last week.



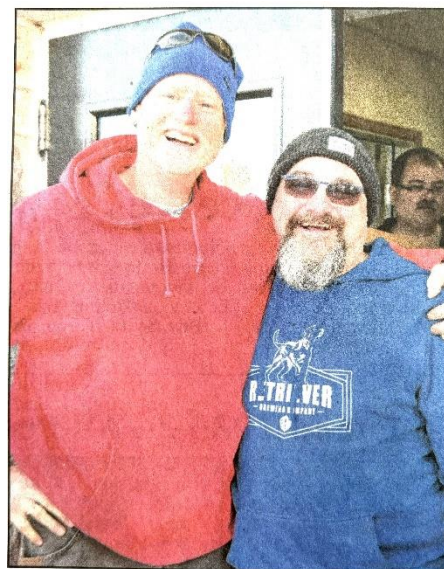
Asa Hermany



NWL students
waiting to view solar



Cousin love, Harper
Smith holding cousin,
Carson Smith



Dennis
Cough (L)
& Brian
Reinert

◆ 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 Family,

Thank
You

We want to thank you for the blessing of your Activity Center. It is truly a wonderful ministry to your community and to fellow believers. Our kids have benefited greatly from your generosity and we pray God continues to bless your church, and our brothers and sisters who attend there.

Sincerely, The Orchard Co-op

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who presented flowers on Easter Sunday. The altar was decorated beautifully with your colorful blooms. Thank you again

Thank you to Hawk Valley Landscaping for taking the time to drop off and donate the mulch for Jacob's Church. We are so fortunate and blessed to live in such a caring community. Thank you for adding the final touch to beautify the church grounds!



Jordyn
Zoghby &
grandmother,
Pam Zoghby

Thank you to the Altar Committee (Corinne Bast, Faye Foulk, Pam Zoghby), Jordyn Zoghby, Andy Zoghby, David Zoghby, and Pastor Stan for getting the altar ready for Good Friday and Easter.



David Zoghby & Pastor Stan



Ruth Arlene (Hartman) Kaley was confirmed on October 16, 1949 at Jacob's Church by the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. Ruth is the second female in the first row, her brother, Carl Albert Hartman, is the third male in the second row from left; Rev. Rahn is also in the second row fifth male from left. Can anyone identify the others? List of names: Russell Lee Daniels, James Morris Greenawalt, Jr., Lewis David Hermany, Violet Ann Jones, Olive Mary Leiby, Richard Lawson Matthias.
Please contact Faye Foulk (610.751.5742) or email secretary@jacobschurch.org



This is to certify that
 Je Ruth Arlene
 a daughter of Henry A. Hartman
 and his wife Lillian Dietrich
 was born at Lymville, Lehigh Co.
 on the 18th day of September
 1934 and that she was BAPTIZED by me
 on the 28th day of October 1934
 Rev. Clarence R. Rahn Pastor.



Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I Tim. 6, 12.

This Certifies

that
Ruth Arlene Hartman
 was received into full Communion with
 Jacob's Evangelical Reformed Church
 Lehighville, Pa.
 by the solemn rite of

Confirmation

on the *Sixteenth*
 day of *October* A.D. 19 *49*

Rev. Clarence R. Rahn
 Pastor





Jacob's Church of New Tripoli, PA, hosted a Messianic Seder on Thursday, March 28, in their activity center.

A Messianic Seder meal is inspired by and patterned after the traditional Jewish Seder meal celebrated for Passover. It is enjoyed by both Jews and Christians who recognize that Yeshua (Jesus) of Nazareth was the promised Messiah predicted in the Hebrew Bible (known by Christians as the Old Testament).

"We were pleased to host this Messianic Seder in our community," said Reverend Stanley Newton, the Pastor of Jacob's Church. "This year marked the first time Jacob's hosted a Seder for our Lenten season festivities. We memorialized the Jewish heritage of our Christian faith and celebrated the gift of salvation that God has offered to people everywhere through the redemptive work of Yeshua on the cross. His resurrection is what gives hope for peace and unity among all peoples worldwide."

"Our Messianic Seder attracted nearly ninety participants from the community many of whom had never participated in a Seder before." Pastor Newton remarked, "We are excited so many came. Because of this encouragement from the community, we may plan another Seder in the future."

Passover is an eight-day Jewish holiday, referred to as the "festival of freedom." Passover celebrates the miraculous deliverance of the Hebrew people from Egyptian slavery. Along with the traditional meal at the Seder, the story of Passover is shared through a recital of the Haggadah, "the Telling." The meal includes rituals, readings, songs, and a full dinner. It was at a Passover meal that Jesus took bread and broke it saying, "This is my body," after which he distributed it to his disciples. Jesus also took a cup of wine and lifting it up he said, "This is the cup of a new covenant in my blood. As often as you drink it drink it in remembrance of me."



Pastor Stan & Ron Naddeo

A big shout out to all who helped at this first-time event. Your dedication and commitment to Jacob's is greatly appreciated!



Pastor Stan & Carla Newton

◆ Missions! ◆

Panama Updates ~ April 2024

Hello everyone. I am back in Panama now after some doctor visits and presentations in the USA. It was way too cold this trip! I am not used to the below freezing temperatures anymore. I guess I have gone soft.

The good thing is that I can get the 6 churches back on a schedule. Another good thing is there are a ton of people waiting for me here. Lots of hugs await me. Hahaha

I have a couple of projects to finish, including finishing a small house for a family of three, and getting two elderly their cataract operations.

Not to forget my dear Eysbel. She came to visit once already and we are going out for pizza Sunday. I believe this will be her first pizza ever. Photo time. She is doing great, thanks to God and many of you guys.

A giant shout out to Kathy for the use of her car-again, and to Ken and Diane who hosted me this visit. All are greatly appreciated and needed in God's ministry here in Panama.

Many thanks to Jacobs Church and Trinity Lutheran Church for letting me do presentations to keep their congregations up to par on the happenings here. Thank you for the generous donations needed to keep things going here.

Also, thank you to Hope Community Church for coming on board to help support the mission here in Panama. Let the blessings continue.

Well, back to work. Back to His work, spreading the Good News with everyone who is willing to listen.

Joyfully Serving Him,

Bobby Mo





UNITE PHILLY



April 2024

Table Together Philly

While at a conference last April where pastors shared their best practices for reaching and blessing their community, I (Dave) latched on to an idea from Spokane. This church opened up their commercial kitchen for refugees and immigrants to prepare large batches of their cuisine to sell to the community. Not only is caring for the foreigner in our midst a biblical demand, but I also saw how it could be a tool to make connections in our community.

Many neighbors around the ministry center we are activating at Woodland are connected to Penn, though not necessarily to each other. There are American undergrads, international scholars, young families, and older university staff. Being at different stages of life leads to misunderstandings, isolation, and sometimes divisions. As Woodland is the only place with a large hall and kitchen open to the community, it allows us to be the gathering point for the neighborhood.

Returning back from the conference last April, I was excited to get this project off the ground but hesitant knowing how much work it would entail. Then UPenn's Office of Social, Equity and Community asked me if I had a

project idea that their undergrad fellows could work on this school year! I shared my vision and they ran with it! The 4 students pictured above created the organization, found an Algerian immigrant to be the first chef, spread the word through the university community, and did all the day of work to make it a success. I brought in people from our church and the neighborhood. Together, 87 tickets were sold!

To prompt discussions around each table, questions we placed encouraging people to share about their religious background. At my table, it was great to see people from our church engage with a staff person from Penn as they learned about her story.

At the end of the evening, several folks asked me when the next dinner would be. Also, as a young family left, the mom encouraged/warned me that this event will quickly sell out whenever it happens again. I think she is right.

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JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

April 25, 2024

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

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

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, April 4th and Thursday, April 18th.

Crossroads Community Church Homeschool use the center Thursday afternoons. Grace Ladies prayer group meet on Wednesday afternoons.

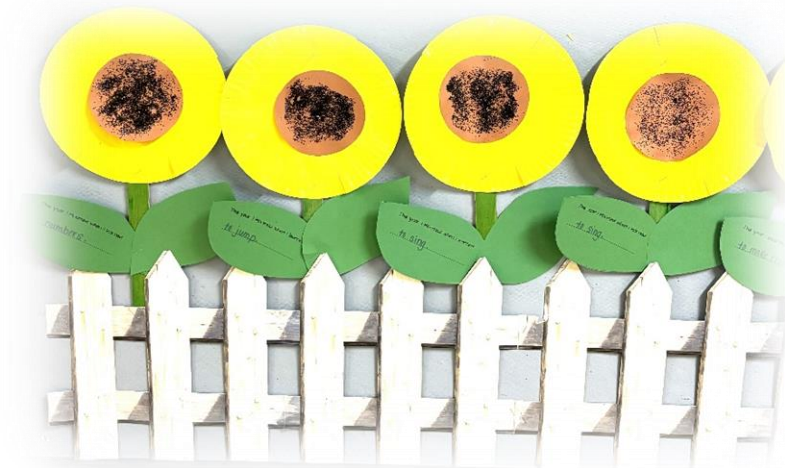
Kutztown Lady Twirlers held practices in the gym on Friday, April 5th, 11th, 18th, and ending their season on the 25th, 5:30pm to 9:00pm.

Due to the rainy days, NYAA softball used the center on Monday, April 1st (5:30pm-7:30pm), and Wednesday, April 3rd (5:30pm-7:30pm); NYAA soccer used the center on Thursday, April 4th (6:00pm-7:30pm).

Private celebrations were held on Saturday, April 6th and April 20th.

Financial Peace University Class was held on Tuesday, April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th; 6:30pm-8:00pm

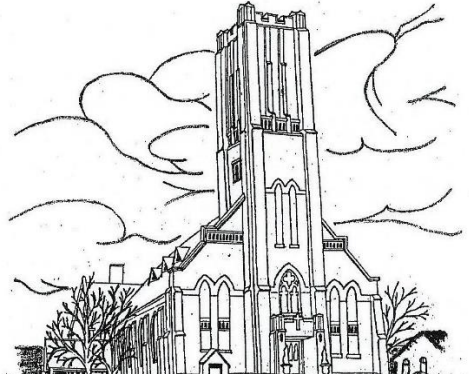
God Bless You, Faye M Smith Foulk



Jacob's Little Lambs Preschool Craft

Scheduled Church Activities

*Grace and peace to you from
God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ. I thank my God
every time I remember you ~
Philippians 1:2-3*

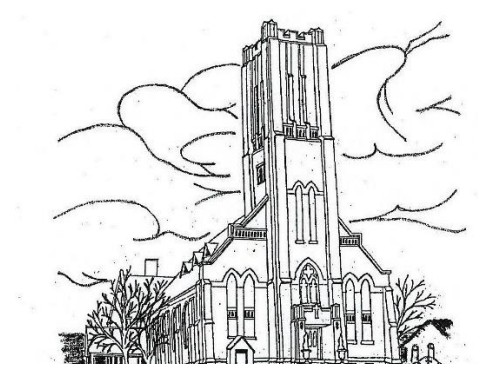


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 6pm Praise Team 7pm Bible Study/Prayer	2 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 7:00pm Choir	3	4 IMPACT 8:00am Katie's
5 9:00 SS/Confirmation 10:15am Worship/Communion	6	7 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	8 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 6pm Praise Team 7pm Bible Study/Prayer	9 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 7:00pm Choir	10	11
12 9:00 SS/Confirmation 10:15am Worship Mother's Day!	13 Elders meeting 7pm	14 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Preschool	15 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs 6pm Praise Team 7pm Bible Study/Prayer	16 9:00-11:30am Little Lambs Graduation 7:00pm Choir	17	18 IMPACT 8:00am Katie's
19 9:00 SS/Confirmation 10:15am Worship Teen Challenge/Loving Offering	20	21	22 6pm Praise Team 7pm Bible/Study Prayer	23 7:00pm Choir	24	25
26 9:00 SS/Confirmation 10:15am Worship	27 Memorial Day!	28	29 6pm Praise Team 7pm Bible/Study Prayer	30 7:00pm Choir	31	

May

2024

Scheduled Activity Center Activities



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			1 PG 3:30-5pm	2 SM 9:30-12:00pm	3	4 Ladies Banquet
5 SS 9:00am Private Celebration	6 Church Board 7:00pm Volleyball 7-9pm	7 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	8 PG 3:30-5pm Volleyball 7-9pm	9	10	11
12 SS 9:00am Mother's Day!	13	14 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	15 PG 3:30-5pm	16 SM 9:30-12:00pm	17	18 Private Celebration
19 SS 9:00am Teen Challenge Pot Luck 3-7 Twirlers	20 Ladies Night Out! 6:30pm	21 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	22 PG 3:30-5pm	23	24	25
26 SS 9:00am	27 Memorial Day!	28 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	29 PG 3:30-5pm	30	31	

