

# † 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 †

### Let's Talk About It

For though by this time, you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. Therefore, let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. Hebrews 5:12–6:2

This passage of Scripture is one of the most misunderstood sections of the New Testament. Most people take it something like this, “You are juvenile in your faith and are still struggling with the more difficult teachings of the Bible; get into a good study and learn the more weighty things of God’s Word!” That is not what the author of the book of Hebrews is saying, although he is saying something like that which is why this passage is so often misconstrued.

The author was not practicing some kind of heavy-handed recruiting because their local church needed more Sunday School instructors. He was jabbing at God’s call for them to “teach” their closest companions. They were not telling those they interacted with at work and in their communities the ever-

present realities of Jesus' rising from the dead. They knew our great Father in Heaven has invited us into a vital relationship with Jesus. They simply were not sharing it with others with any kind of necessary or compulsory fervor.

What the Scripture writer is getting at is not a lack of understanding but a deficiency of obedient living. To catch that nuance, one must look at the whole of the book of Hebrews and then zero in on this passage. The problem with the original audience of Hebrews was that they wanted to shrink back into their old ways (i.e. attending synagogue and pretending to be Jewish still believing in the resurrection) to avoid the nasty situation of aggressively living out the realities and responsibilities of what Jesus Christ's conquering the grave means to the world. It was not that their senses were untrained because of a lack of mental acuity, they simply were not sharing that truth with their friends for fear of persecution and rejection.

Notice in the passage they were quite good at talking about repentance, the rituals of washing and laying on of hands, and even the eternal state of the resurrection and final judgment. They just were not fine with saying, "JESUS has done all this for us, and you (fill the blank here with the name of your loved one who has yet to trust Jesus) need a relationship with Him, because knowing all that other stuff and even practicing it *in no way saves anyone!* You need to have –by active living faith– a dependent personal relationship with Jesus!"

Let's put all this in practical terms for those of us who worship regularly at 8373 Kings Highway. Our task is not to invite people to come worship with us. As much as our egos (especially mine) may relish in the fact that our attendance could be more robust and energetic, anyone's relationship with our church and participation in our liturgy will not move them any closer to Christ if they do have a relationship-seeking-faith in Jesus. That is what we should be inviting people to participate in.

Let's be skilled in that. Let's be skilled in saying to others, "I have a soul enriching walk with the LORD, and I would like not only to share with you how that is possible through repentant faith, but I would also like for us to walk alongside one another as we pursue together the wonders of His matchless love." That would be time well spent.

*Soli Deo Gloria*

*Pastor Stanley C. Newton*

# ◆ Jacob's Church Board Meeting ◆

## July 1, 2024

Attendance: Senior Pastor Stan Newton, Elders Mike Follweiler and Dave Zoghby, Deacons Michael Bailey, Tom Foulk, Kayla Fusselman, Kaitey Sacks, Ed Sawyer, Treasurer Kelly Mease.

Absent: Mike Madtes and Diane Wertman.

No visitors.

Pastor noted that attendance should not show Treasurer Kelly Meese as absent, since she is not required to attend board meetings, but does so voluntarily.

### Reports

1. Pastor opened with a reading from *The Valley of Vision* and with prayer.
2. Treasurer's Report for June, 2024 – One-month and six-month income/expenses, cash balances and cash report for the month ended June 30, 2024

One-month income/expenses for June, 2024:

Total Income	\$69,600.75
Total Expenses	\$25,972.53
Net Unrestricted Profit/(Loss)	\$43,628.22
Less: Restricted Income	\$12,842.64
Add: Restricted Expenses	\$ 0.00
Net Unrestricted Profit/(Loss)	\$30,785.58

Note: Net Unrestricted Profit/(Loss) represents the profit/(loss) of the General Fund excluding any Unrealized Gains/(Losses)

It was noted that an electric bill credit for a house that is now rented was applied to another property owned by the church. Michael B. made a motion, seconded by Kayla, to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

3. The board reviewed the minutes for June, 2024. It was noted under Scholarship Committee that the second recipient was Isaiah Johri, not Elijah Johri. Mike F. made a motion, seconded by Tom, to approved the minutes as revised. The motion carried.

### Old Business

Elders:

-Dave reported that the elders discussed the donation policy. He noted oversight by the elders and pastor of the Good Samaritan Fund, and stated that contributors to specific needs should designate "Good Samaritan" on the check memo line, or notify the financial secretary. He indicated that these funds are tracked in the elders' meeting minutes.

-Youth Minister update: Dave reported that the elders and pastor agreed on the following general job requirements: 2 events per month, 2-3 hours per event (like a mini-VBS) = 10 hours per month. Compensation will be \$25 per hour, with a budget of approximately \$50 per month for supplies. Kayla said she would consider the position. She indicated that there would be times or specific months (such as during VBS) when the required hours would need to be averaged due to her time constraints. Pastor stated that the position would be re-evaluated when Will Dellicker returns from military duty.

-New Members – So far, 6 people have expressed an interest in the fall membership class. Pastor explained his view on the need for a membership class, and asked for feedback.

#### Finance Committee:

-Dave stated that Janney Montgomery Scott is asking what “big ticket” items for which the church anticipates fund withdrawals. Ed asked about improvements to make the activity center floor less slippery for active use. Mike F. mentioned an alternative surface for sports, and Tom looked into using a grinder. While there have been no complaints from activity center users, the high use increases the possibility of an accident.

-Faye Foulk has the few responses received from the membership/giving letter recently sent.

#### Property Committee:

-Fuel oil - Dave reported that Countryside, the church’s fuel oil supplier, offers 3 payment methods: standard - \$3.419/gal; budget cap – same price, plus a 20-cent/gal cap insurance; and prepay. The church budgeted for prepay. Dave and others thought that \$3.419/gal is high, Ed said it was much lower recently. Jared Hermany will check into pricing for commercial programs; Tom believes that would entail paying sales tax. Katie made a motion, seconded by Ed, to elect the prepayment option, but to look for a better price. The motion carried.

-Tower repair – Dave reported that the church received an insurance proceeds check for \$26,000 after a \$2500 deductible for inside repairs. The church will need to submit a separate claim when the cost for outside repairs is known, which requires having a mason inspect the tower.

-Landscaping – It will not be possible to apply more mulch to the playground area before VBS.

-Office – Air conditioning is to be completed on 7/2. The office phone is not working, will be fixed.

-PA DEP inspection – Dave reported no violations.

-Fox property – Tom stated that he opened discussions with the property owner.

-Wuchter property – Dave reported that porch work slowed during the heat wave. Tom said he would soon have access to a 40’ lift which could be used.

#### Christian Education Committee:

-VBS – Kayla reported that 30 children are currently enrolled, and more are expected to approach the average of 60. All positions have been filled, and decorations will start going up this week. Katie noted that the sound system and projector need to be set up, and Tom said he would spray the nests of stinging insects. Kayla stated that help is needed to discard VBS prep trash.

-Confirmation class – Stan provided a 2-year schedule for classes, to be conducted the first 3 Sundays of each scheduled month. He indicated that there are 4 or 5 prospective students.

-LC Medical (formerly Life Choices)– Tom said they are looking for a liaison for their banquet in October. Faye Foulk will ask Donna Shay if she is interested.

-Shoebox Ministry – Kayla found labels and stickers. Preparations need to start soon.

Music Committee: The praise group seeks a pianist and a guitarist.

Sound System and IT Committee: Stan urged the board to proceed with the proposed sound system upgrade. Bill Dellicker knows of another company to approach, since the company that gave the proposal has been reluctant to return to meet with the board. Stan related that the singers’ priority is to be able to hear themselves clearly.

Missions Committee: The elders continue to work on recommendations for guidelines to use in evaluating ministries. Ed stated he sees full garbage cans at SPADE, a supported ministry, but no people. Michael B. asked if the elders could complete guidelines so that whoever constitutes the Missions Committee will have time to use those criteria to evaluate current and potential supported ministries in time to make recommendations for the next budget.

Special Events: Katie reported that Ladies’ nights out will take a break until September. Ed said that Friday nights should resume in fall.

Doctrine Committee: Stan reported that the committee touched on various doctrinal points, and that one committee member felt that doctrinal direction should come from the board, not just a committee.

Cemetery Association: There are 12 small piles of excavated dirt that need to be removed because they are encroaching on the area for grave sites.

### **New Business**

-Membership Removal Request – Ed made a motion, seconded by Mike F., to approve the request of Tom Linette to be removed from the membership roll.

-Sales Tax Exemption Form – Dave is to provide information for Kelly to input onto the form.

-Little Lambs Day Care – Stan is to meet with them on 7/16 at 6:30 pm to discuss ways they and the church could interconnect more (ex. – parenting class).

-Activity Center – How does the board want the center used? Currently, it is reserved on a first come, first served basis, which sometimes prevents church use. Tom said that some groups block out too much time or too far into the future.

-Tucker Wessner and Denise Macalush – Elders will discuss these needs at their next meeting.

Stan informed the board of planned travel the week of 8/5 and return on 8/10. He also will be flying to Houston on 8/17 and will miss that Sunday.

Pastor offered a closing prayer. Kayla made a motion, seconded by Katie, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Recorded and submitted by Michael Bailey.

**Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, September 9, 2024.**

**Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, September 16, 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 July 2024:

July 7	\$4,949.90
July 14	\$4,890.90
July 21	\$5,632.90
July 28	\$6,799.90

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-July	\$160,530.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-July	\$173,620.90
Surplus for July 2024	\$ 13,090.90

### **Online Giving!**

Jacob's Church 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](mailto:treasurer@jacobschurch.org) for more information or if you have questions.

**Love Offering** envelopes will be available to support the ministry of Bob Moyer, missionary in Panama on Sunday, September 15th. May the Lord Bless Bob Moyer and we ask God's blessing on his ministry.

# ✠Jacob's Church Commitments for September ✠ ✠ THANK YOU FOR SERVING! ✠



## Flowers for September

September 1 38th Anniversary of Dave and Pam Zoghby

September 8 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

September 15 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

September 22 In Memory of Ralph Follweiler/Howard Smith  
Follweiler/Foulk

September 29 In Memory of Luella Bowman  
Bowman Daughters

## September Scripture Readers

September 1 Bill Dellicker

September 8 Dick Oswald

September 15 Joan Oswald

September 22 Jim Moyer

September 29 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)

## September Greeters/Ushers

September 1 Jacob's Church Board

September 8 Tom Foulk and Deb McDermott  
Bob Nester and Loretta Peters

September 15 Jim and Rose Moyer  
Jen and Kelly Mease

September 22 Richard and Joan Oswald  
Rev. Scott and Donna Shay

September 29 Gary and Carolyn Krick  
Kevin and Susan Dellicker  
**Sunday Morning Greeters arrive by 9:45am**

## Puppet Ministry

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer

## September 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 September Wedding Anniversaries:

*Ronald and Bonnie Belknap  
Dana and Roberta Billig  
Justin and Mandy Conti  
Adam and Sayward Croshaw  
Brian and Jennifer Dzedzy  
Darryl and Donna Graff  
Richard and Susan Hermany  
Lonnie and Melissa Hill  
Ralph and Louise Hill  
Bryan and Lauren Husted  
Gary and Carolyn Krick  
Christopher and Taylor Lallier*

*Michael and Brenda Lentz  
Michael and Marcie Madtes  
Matthew and Carrie Mangol  
Scott and Stefanie Nester  
Robert and Janine Oplinger  
Kenneth and Caroline Ralston  
Ned and Stephanie Rauch-Mannino  
Angel and Monica Rodriguez  
William and Wendy Rooney  
Edward and Tracy Sawyer  
Jordan and Krystina Smith  
Kevin and Heather Utt  
David and Pamela Zoghby*

### ✝ 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 Scott Howard and Alaina Joyce  
(Henriques) Greenawalt, who  
were united in holy matrimony  
on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at  
Jacob’s Church, New Tripoli,  
Rev. Stanley C. Newton officiated  
the union. Scott is the son of  
Shirley (Phillips) Greenawalt of  
New Tripoli and the late Wayne  
Greenawalt. Alaina is the  
daughter of Susan Henriques and  
the late Kevin Henriques. May  
God’s Blessings be upon Scott  
and Alaina!



## † 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 Kevin A. Henriques, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at the age of 65-10-15. Kevin served his country honorably and faithfully in the United States Navy from 1976 to 1980. Kevin is survived by his daughter, Alaina J. (Henriques) wife of Scott H. Greenawalt. Services were held on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at Kempton New Church, Kempton, PA. Please keep the Henriques family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Eugene E. Horn, who entered eternal rest on Sunday, July 28, 2024 at the age of 96-0-21. Eugene was the son of the late Alfred Franklin (1885-1970) and Clara A. nee Wanamaker (1890-1970) Horn. Services were held on Saturday, August 3, 2024 in Jacobs Union Cemetery, Eugene is resting peacefully alongside his parents. Please keep the Horn family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.

### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Olga (Osifchin) Donat, who entered eternal rest on Monday, July 29, 2024 at the age of 95-4-12. Olga was the wife of the late Harry Lawrence Donat (1923-2019). Services were held on Monday, August 5, 2024 at Stephens Funeral Home, Allentown PA; interment in Jacobs Union Cemetery. Olga is resting peacefully alongside Harry and his parents, Rev. Harry Jacob (1887-1939) and Ida M. nee White (1884-1968) Donat. Please keep the Donat family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Richard Allen Kunkel, who entered eternal rest on Monday, August 12, 2024 at the age of 85-10-16. He was the husband of the late Mae A. nee Schollenberger (1948-2023) Kunkel. Richard was confirmed at Jacob's Union Church by the late Rev. Luther J. Linn on 19 October 1952. Funeral services were held on Monday, August 19, 2024 at the Nester Funeral Home, New Tripoli with interment in Jacobs Union Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor Emeritus of Jacob's Church. Please keep the Kunkel family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*



### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Francis James Micklus, who entered eternal rest on Monday, August 12, 2024 at the age of 89-9-16. Francis was the wife of the late Ann Loretta nee Farrell (1935-2022) Micklus. The graveside service for Francis was held on Thursday, August 22, 2024 in the Jacobs Union Cemetery. Please keep the Micklus family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Lester C. Matthias, who entered eternal rest on Friday, August 16, 2024 at the age of 96. Lester was the son of the late Robert Charles (1906-1974) and Naomi Emma nee Bailey (1910-1983) Matthias. Lester is survived by several children, his son, Joel Clinton Matthias (Betty) and family send Christmas Blessings each year, and when in the area visit their Jacob's Church family. Many of the Matthias family is resting in the Jacobs Union Cemetery. Private services were held at the convenience of the family. Please keep the Matthias family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.

### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Raymond W. Kamp, who entered eternal rest on Sunday, August 18, 2024 at the age of 58-3-17. Ray was the son of Myrna E (Fronheiser) Kamp and the late George Peter (1932-1991) Kamp. Ray is survived by his wife, Mary E. nee Moore Kamp. Graveside services were held in New Bethel Union Cemetery on Saturday 24, 2024, Rev. Stanley C. Newton and Rory Schlenker officiated. Please keep the Kamp family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

### ***Sunday, September 8, 2024 ~ Grandparents Day***

*Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents  
with long life, happiness, and health. May  
they remain constant in your love and be living signs  
of your presence to their children and grandchildren.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen*

*"Stand in the presence of the aged,  
show respect for the elderly  
and revere the Lord your God"  
Leviticus 19:32*

*"They will still bear fruit  
In old age, they will stay fresh  
and green." Psalm 92:14*



# ◆ September Happenings at Jacob's Church ◆



**Holy Communion** will be served on Sunday, September 1, 2024 during the 10:15am worship service. *"What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Psalm 116:12-14"*

**Oyster Supper** ~ meeting will be held after worship in the choir loft on Sunday, September 8th. Hope to see you! Oyster Supper is scheduled on Saturday, November 2nd.

**Children's Church** ~ will resume next Sunday, September 8th during worship. Children will be dismissed after the Children's Message. Ages for Children's Church are three years and older.



**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. If you need a listening ear, FMI please contact, Cindy Kuhns (484.529.2835). Stephen Ministers meetings will be held on Thursday, September 5th and Thursday, September 19th.

**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, please 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, please 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, please contact Pastor Stan (828.242.5388).

**Ladies Night Out!** Will meet on Monday, September 16th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. FMI, please contact Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567).

**IMPACT** ~ will be held first (9/7) and third (9/21) Saturdays of September at 8:00am in Jacob's Church Activity Center meeting room. IMPACT Men target their home, work, and community. Breakfast will be served! FMI, please contact Pastor Stan (828.242.5388).

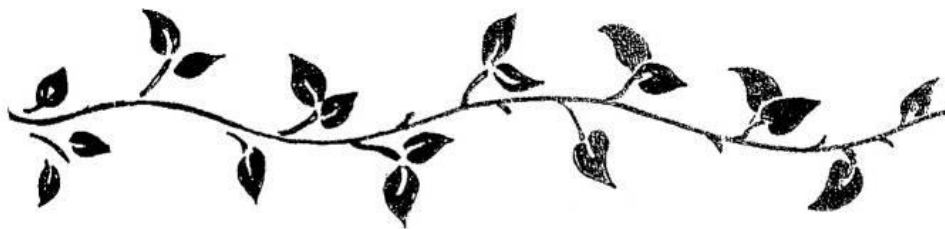
**Jacob's Church Christmas Child Shoebox** ~ Please keep a look out for the shoeboxes in October! An excellent way to give to children all over the world! FMI, please contact Ginger Johri (610.621.6044). *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...Isaiah 9:6*

**2024-2026 Catechism (Confirmation) Class** ~ will meet on Sunday, September 8, 2024 after worship for a meet and greet in the Activity Center. Lunch will be served, family is invited! Classes will begin Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the church basement. Classes will meet on the first three Sundays of each month October through May. If you are interested, please email [secretary@jacobschurch.org](mailto:secretary@jacobschurch.org) or [pastor@jacobschurch.org](mailto:pastor@jacobschurch.org) or leave a message at 610.756.6352.

**New membership meeting dates** ~ Anyone interested in joining the Jacob's Church family, please join Pastor Stan and Carla for lunch in the Activity Center after worship on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.



**Kids Night Out!** ~ Join us on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm-5:00pm in Jacob's Activity Center! Come for games, movies, snacks, and crafts. Open to youth K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Everyone who is attending needs to complete the Google Form registration to participate. FMI, please contact Kayla Fusselman at [kemptoncountry@gmail.com](mailto:kemptoncountry@gmail.com) or 610.844.1567



## ◆ Choir Corner by Melinda Kelly ◆

***Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Psalm 95:1 - 2***

Thank you so much to all of you who shared your musical talents with us during the summer months. It was blessing to everyone!

Choir season is here! Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 5 from 7:00 – 8:15 PM. The Choir will be rehearsing in the large room in the basement. The choir folders with all of your music and schedule are in the cabinet at the bottom of the steps.

Any one grades 9 to adult is welcome to join, whether you are a member of the church or not. Rehearsals begin with warm-ups in breathing and singing, as well as working on singing posture and vocal production. We sing a variety of styles of music to praise God such as, classical pieces, traditional hymn-based anthems and contemporary songs.

Any new members will be assigned someone in the choir to be your “buddy” and help you with any questions you may have during rehearsal. I am also available to assist members either during or after the rehearsal.

We will be starting off the year with the anthem, “O That I Had a Thousand Voices” with music written by Jay Althouse. The interesting part is that the text was written in **1704** by Johann Mentzer, who was a theologian in Germany. He studied at Wittenberg and was assigned to be a preacher at various churches in Germany. In total, he wrote the text for 34 hymns, some of which have been translated into English.

Organ tidbit: Organs are either electronic (digital) or pipe. We have a pipe organ, although you cannot see the pipes, due to the fact that they are located in chambers on either side of the chancel behind mesh screens. There is a large blower in its own room in the basement which provides pressurised wind needed to produce sound in the pipes. So....in essence, the pipe organ is a wind instrument played by means of a keyboard. (The Greek engineer Ctesibius of Alexandria is credited with inventing the organ in the 3rd century BC!)

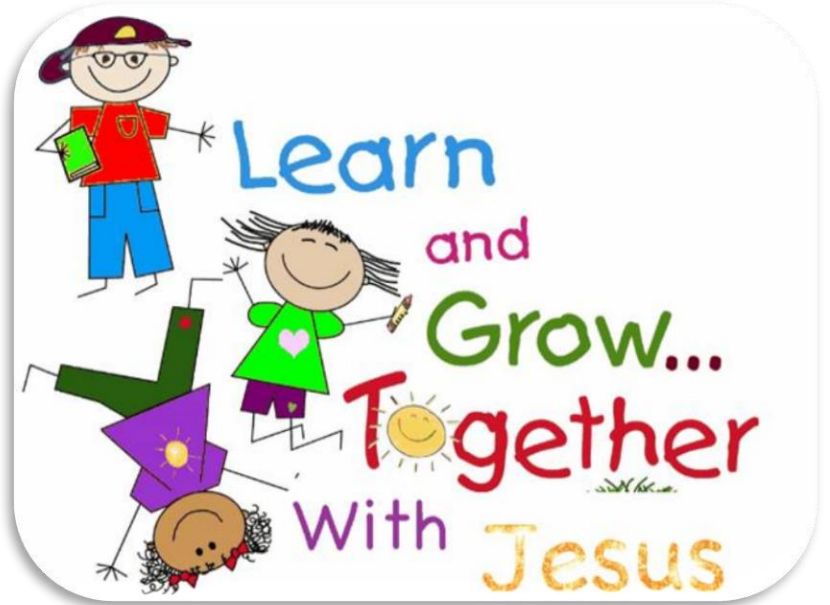
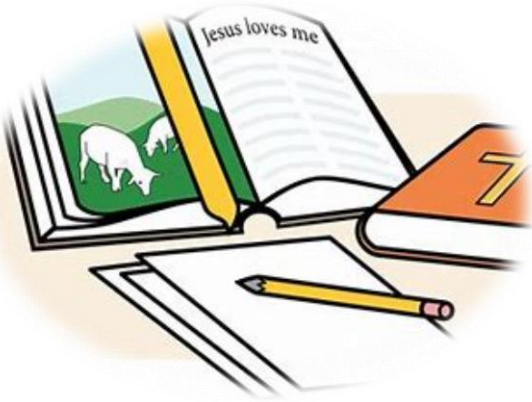




# ◆ Jacob's Church Little Lambs Preschool ◆



Little Lambs preschool is SO excited to open our doors on Tuesday, September 3rd for another amazing school year! We are always so blessed with incredible new students each year that we have the honor of embarking on the incredible preschool adventure with! We get to serve the Lord by opening the doors of learning to little boys and girls and strengthening their daily walk with Him as their Lord and Savior! The Lord blesses our preschool time together each day and we Thank Him and Praise Him for that blessing. Follow along with all our fun and activities each month in the newsletter...preschool is so much fun!!



## ◆ In Our Community ◆

**WEISENBERG VOL FIRE DEPT**  
**COMMUNITY DAY**

**SAT, SEPTEMBER 14 | 1pm to 6pm**  
**WEISENBERG FIELD**  
 9504 Bachelor Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530

**MUSIC • ACTIVITIES • GAMES & MORE!**  
**VINCE'S CHEESESTEAKS • THE NESTING BOX • BAKE SALE**

**Lowhill Food Pantry food drive!**  
 Please donate non-perishable food items.  
[www.lowhillfoodpantry.com](http://www.lowhillfoodpantry.com)

This event to benefit the:  
**WEISENBERG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Join us for a great day of food, fun, family, and friends!  
 Stop by the Weisenberg Volunteer Fire Department table to learn more  
 about the services they provide and how you can show your support!



Breakfast is served  
 Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
 8am ~ 12pm



## Kempton's Sesquicentennial Celebration

*Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024*  
*Kempton Community Center*

[Kemptoncommunitycenter.org](http://Kemptoncommunitycenter.org)



• **FREE ADMISSION • FREE PARKING • FREE ENTERTAINMENT •**

**Sacred Voices**  
*in concert*

**Sanctus:**  
*The Very Nature of God*

Directed by Susan L. Frickert

**Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 4:00pm**

**Union Lutheran Church**  
 5500 Route 873  
 Schnecksville PA  
 610.767.6884



## PIONEER APPLE FEST

Presented by the Lynn-Heidelberg Historical Society

**Pennsylvania German Stories and Songs**

We are excited to welcome David & Jean Adams to the festival! They will present lots of stories and songs to please the Pennsylvania German enthusiast!

**OCTOBER 5TH, 2024**

ONTELAUNEE PARK  
 NEW TRIPOLI, PA

10AM - 4PM



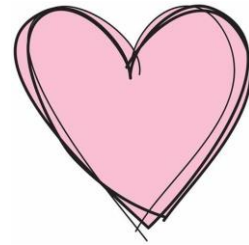
## ◆ Thank You! ◆

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



*Dear Beloved Jacob's Family,  
Thank you so much for every card,  
text, or call you sent during the  
loss of my Mom. Stan and I are both  
deeply touched by your love, care, and  
concern. Thank you for the prayers  
offered on behalf of my family.  
We love and treasure you all.  
Carla and Pastor Stan*

*Thank you to the scripture readers, especially  
Bill Dellicker, Jim Moyer, Dick and Joan  
Oswald, and Cindy Kuhns. Your voices are so  
uplifting as you read the word of God!  
We appreciate you!*



*Thank you Corinne Bast for your dedication of  
service to our Lord! Not an easy task getting  
greeters and ushers each month, but you did it!  
Your service is much appreciated.  
Welcome Deb McDermott*

*Thank you, Rose Moyer and Barbara  
Rehrig for submitting names to the  
card ministry and the prayer list.  
Thank you for your special gift of  
thinking of others.*



### *Jacob's Church*

*Thank you so much for providing a scholarship so I am able to  
pursue a mechanical engineering degree at Penn State.  
I appreciate it so much! I am so grateful for the community that  
Jacob's has provided me through God and I hope and pray  
that I can use my time at Penn State to glorify and praise God.  
Thank you again so much for the financial blessing.  
Sincerely, Eli Dellicker*

# ◆ Missions ◆

## BARNABAS BENEFIT CONNECTING CARING HEARTS WITH NEEDS WORLDWIDE

Thank you for your recent prayers, encouragement, and giving.

A few “off the cuff” updates:

A young leader who manages a computer store in Nepal arranged to buy components wholesale from China to program 100 micro-SD cards with Nepalese Bibles and stories and songs and install them into solar radios. He travels many miles on his motorbike crossing many rivers/streams and eventually trekking on foot carrying items like these to reach the mostly illiterate tribal families high in the mountains. We previously helped him with PVC pipe to provide drinking water and build relationships.

Another young lady celebrated her 29<sup>th</sup> birthday today traveling 5 grueling hours home to her Husband, Daughter and 7 orphans after her second of 5 chemo treatments for her breast cancer. She is discouraged that she is losing her thick black hair but “looking forward to another year”. While she was there, she somehow managed to start a project to clean, care for boils, and delice the refugee children in the area where she was getting treatment as well as to arrange for multiple wells to be drilled. She even got the hospital to provide vitamins for the anemic children.

The leader in Dimapur is attempting to send about 20 refugee children to school and has raised a substantial amount locally. The same situation exists for orphans in South India who hold all night prayer sessions for their schooling and supplies. Many schools are not “free” like they are here in the US, and tuitions are major concerns. Many times, travel is quite a distance and prohibitive. We are anxious to equip the students with notebooks and pencils in the building we helped purchase with the intent to start a basic school in an Assam teagarden with 500 families. Hopefully the building can be used to provide skills training like basket weaving, sewing, etc.

We have done extensive work to help displaced refugees and recent orphans in NE India, The Monsoons were especially bad this year which displaced wildlife and people alike. Many died from various causes like falling trees, etc. in addition to the disease that follows what are normally unsanitary conditions. A Huge dam was in danger of overflowing so the floodgates were opened wiping out 230 family homes in the flood plain.

We continue a wonderful ongoing relationship with a sympathetic well driller with a well drilling truck and a 100% record of hitting water in spite of often having to drill through rock. We just completed two wells and have continuing never ending requests, 3 deemed urgent. All of the wells in the past year have been at least partially funded by the villagers, (These 3 above raised 10-15%) More and more folks are honoring their loved ones. by dedicating a village borewell to them. Costs range from about \$95 for a pump for a hand dug well to about \$375 (less village contribution) for a machine drilled well.

We are exploring ways to again connect with the precious leper community I visited in South India. I miss them. They say to “come at Christmas time and bring presents”! Being with them is very humbling to realized how blessed we are. Even though leprosy in not active, the older folks lost and will never regain many body parts and their extended families who don’t have leprosy are ostracized and must live in the leper compound with their extended families.

We have many sewing school graduates waiting for microloans. Even though the repaid loans fund new microloans, they don't begin to cover the demand. Traditionally, we have worked with single mothers from abusive backgrounds. However, we now have Men recovered from addictions and the instructor even went to school to learn to tailor men's clothes. I just had a request this morning from a 55-year-old man who has lived a life of crime and recently had his life miraculously changed. He went to school for three weeks to learn a trade to become legally and morally self-supporting in his new life. He like many others learned basket weaving and I saw a short video of him preparing raw materials to start the process. He has requested a micro loan to start his business. Microloan repayments vary and are often slow but over 90% are making arranged payment to be recycled into new loans..

Nagaland in NE India is a primarily Christian state among many hostile states. Leaders in the hostile states are crossing the border there to bring back Bibles and Book of John, but never enough to satisfy demand. Everyone wants "A big book (Bible)"!

The house church leader who was badly beaten is slowly recovering. What I thought was a little house church has 257 adult members that meet in the open field.! We are encouraging them to meet in small groups and have replaced some of the Bibles that were "taken as evidence" along with cell phone contacts.

Although I have mixed feelings about investing in costly buildings, there are many requests to build or complete partially built churches that want to meet together as a "progression from meeting in house churches". We have been granted land in over 30 villages to help build small churches, many where we have helped with borewells. I am hoping that if they are built that they will be multipurpose facilities to include schooling and occupational teaching., and even child guidance instruction and care. One church shell that Natalie and I visited still meets in the weather with no roof. They have raised \$639 and the additional \$729 to put everything under roof is a very slow process even for 13 villages jointly. Although I am inclined to favor small house gatherings, churches in India can be big. There is a Christian church (Calvary Temple) in Hyderabad with over 350,000 members that meets from 3 am till 11 PM with the same preacher preaching all services. (Unfortunately, I didn't know about it when I was in Hyderabad). Check it out on CBN or YouTube.

Although I won't be able to join on this trip, my past traveling partner to many places in India and Nepal will soon be traveling there again and I look forward to exciting updates from him. (Natalie and I are having lunch with him tomorrow to hear of his plans) I am anxious to hear if the "anti-conversion" sentiment has cooled now that the elections are over. It was a hot issue like current immigration is in our elections.

These are a few updates which you may see repeated in a hopefully soon to be distributed newsletter. Natalie had a routine CT scan today and is slowly regaining her strength from a difficult year of chemo, surgery, radiation, and immunotherapy. I am being helped with the banking/QuickBooks accounting that she formally was able to do so faithfully and some other administrative things so you may see some changes in receipt formats, etc. as we transition to a new online form of QuickBooks and other administrative changes.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and compassionate giving. I hope as things get more back to normal to bring you more testimonies and updates on lives you are touching. We may be out of touch for much of September because we are finally able to do the "footsteps of Paul" tour through Turkey, Greece, and Italy that we actually met with an agent and planned two weeks before Natalie's cancer diagnosis.

May God continue to richly bless you and yours for making so much possible that I wouldn't have dreamed of when I ventured to India for the first time alone at the age of 60 many years ago.

John

# **JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT**

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

August 23, 2024

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

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, August 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th; starting at 9:30am and ending approximately at 11:30am.

Stephen Ministers held their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 1st and Thursday, August 15th.

Private celebrations were held on Saturday, August 10th, Sunday, August 18th, and Saturday, August 24th.

Jacob's Church Board meeting was held on Monday, August 5th. Missions Committee held meetings on Monday, August 12th and Friday, August 23rd.

IMPACT used the center on Saturday, August 17th for their breakfast gathering.

Kids Night Out was held on Friday, August 2nd.

Not very busy August, but September is coming! Save the date, Saturday, November 2nd, OYSTER SUPPER!

God Bless You,  
Faye M Smith Foulk



# September

# 2024

## Scheduled Church Activities

*It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of deer, and sets me on my high places. Psalm 18:32-33*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 SS 10:15am Worship Communion	2 Labor Day!	3 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	4 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am 6pm Praise Team 7pm Bible Study/Prayer	5 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	6	7
8 9:00 SS 10:15am Worship	9 Church Board meeting 7pm	10 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	11 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am 6pm Praise Team 7pm Bible Study/Prayer	12 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	13	14
15 9:00 SS 9:00 Confirmation 10:15am Worship Love Offering, Bob Moyer, Missionary	16 Elders Meeting 7pm	17 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	18 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am 6pm Praise Team 7pm Bible Study/Prayer	19 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	20	21
22 9:00 SS 10:15am Worship	23	24 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	25 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am 6pm Praise Team 7pm Bible/Study Prayer	26 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	27	28
29 9:00 SS 10:15am Worship	30					



# September

# 2024

## Scheduled Activity Center Activities

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SS 9:00am	2 Labor Day!	3 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	4 Abiding Arrows Co-op 1:00-4:00pm	5 Stephen Ministers 9:30am-12:00pm	6 Missions Meeting 12:00-2:00pm	7 IMPACT 8:00am
8 SS 9:00am Confirmation Luncheon 12pm	9 Twirlers 4:30-7pm	10 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	11 Abiding Arrows Co-op 1:00-4:00pm	12	13 Twirlers 5:00-9:00pm	14
15 SS 9:00am New Members Luncheon 12pm	16 Ladies Night Out! 6:30pm	17 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	18 Abiding Arrows Co-op 1:00-4:00pm	19 Stephen Ministers 9:30-12:00pm	20 Missions Meeting 12:00-2:00pm Twirlers 5:00-9:00pm	21 IMPACT 8:00am Private Celebration
22 SS 9:00am New Members Luncheon 12pm	23 Twirlers 4:30-7pm	24 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	25 Abiding Arrows Co-op 1:00-4:00pm	26	27 Twirlers 5:00-9:00pm	28
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