

† 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 †

"I Met Jesus on the Way to the Cross, and..."

Have you ever made a grimly tough decision, knowing the pathway to your intended destination would lead to a meeting with the devil and you'd have to traverse the deep blue sea? Setting goals and following through on them is difficult enough. Those same goals seem nearly impossible when you must go it alone, will encounter tough spiritual opposition, and travel over and through uncharted territory.

Luke said of Jesus, "When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set his face to go to Jerusalem" (9:51), an observation by itself worthy of a thousand meditations.

First of all, "to set one's face" means far more than glancing in a particular direction and going for it. It is a Jewish idiom for complete and total dedication, a staunchness of devotion rarely, if ever, experienced these days. Our modern culture is so fond of comfort and ease that most people reject new directions, thoughts, and endeavors even before the planning stage. "So and so may be offended...well we can't...what if the weather... ..we've never..." Those thinly jacketed excuses, sometimes quite innovative, are sadly shrouded in deceptively fabricated wisdom. If a goal is worthy, it is worth pursuing even if you must face hell or high water to get there. Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem, when it was the time for Him to be taken up. He knew what He was getting into.

Jesus also knew He was going to have to go it alone. Our Resurrection Season sermon series is titled, "I Met Jesus on the Way to the Cross, and..." Some people who met Jesus were rebuked, ignored, found a friend, or were hurt deeply, all in ways we normally wouldn't expect, all because everyone had different ideas and thoughts about Jesus that betrayed an understanding of why the Father actually sent Him.

You will be misunderstood too if you pursue discipleship, holiness, and a deeper faith. Sadly, you will often find the ones misreading you right beside you on your journey, much like Christian did in Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. When he set out from the City of Destruction for the distant Celestial City, he met Pliable and Obstinate straightaway. Pliable so full of shallow energy and distaste for discomfort; Obstinate boldly in his face with all the reasons why change was socially offensive to others.

Worse than going it alone, however, Jesus had to face the spiritual opposition of Satan himself, where He was sorely tempted to turn from the path. "Just make yourself popular...turn stones to bread for the masses. Show yourself supernatural...jump from the temple wall. Feed man's desire for power...take all these kingdoms. The price? Fall down and worship me." Jesus would have none of it, but don't be deceived. He was sorely tempted to take those easy escapes. It wouldn't have been true temptation if he hadn't felt them deeply. He couldn't be our High Priest if it were otherwise.

As we gather for worship this Resurrection Season, I am praying that *you meet Jesus in a new way*. You have real needs, past regrets, unfulfilled dreams, misdirected desires, etc., etc. all of which can be righted if *you meet Jesus on His terms*. You may have made the difficult decision to follow Him and are finding the choice grimy and grim. Hang in there, it's not your strength that will get you to the end. Jesus stared down Satan and won, and has calmed the cold, chaos waters of death setting His face towards you with an open invitation to join Him in the New Heavens and the New Earth.

Soli Deo Gloria

Pastor Stanley C. Newton

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◆ Jacob's Church Board Meeting Minutes ◆

February 3, 2025

Attendance: Pastor Stan Newton, Elders: Dave Zoghby, Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler
Deacons: Mike Bailey, Tom Foulk, Kayla Fusselman, Solomon Johri, Kaitey Sacks, Diane Wertman.
Visitors: Jared Hermany, Melinda Kelly, Carla Newton and Jen Mease. Treasurer: Kelly Mease

Opening Prayer and Devotion- Pastor Stan led us in a devotion from Eph 4:7-16 where God's Word declares that Jesus gave us gifts..."apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ..."

Ps 68:35 "The God of Israel Himself gives strength and power to the people."

2 Corinthians 5:18 – 20. "God reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...therefore as ambassadors of Christ...we implore you to be reconciled to God."

Pastor Stan stated that the members of the church board are responsible for the souls of the church and therefore should be active in discipleship and also teaching/mentoring others in discipleship. Pastor Stan states that he believes that a pastor's (gift from God) responsibility to the church is to teach us to do the work of the ministry.

Visitors: The Music Ministry presented the need for the church board to move forward to purchasing a new sound system. The discussion surrounded the two prior consultation attempts and obstacles encountered over the past year. Dave Zoghby reassured the visitors that the board was willing to purchase the sound equipment with the understanding that the church board has a responsibility to move forward with confidence that we have explored and understood the proposals of each since the businesses consulted so far presented different options in regard to number and layout of the speakers and other concerns as well. Solomon suggested another company called Pure Sight and Sound. Pure Sight & Sound Inc. provides consulting services to both the residential and commercial marketplace including House of Worship Audio/Video Design & Installation. Jared will follow up on this suggestion and will schedule with church board for a demo.

Jen Mease: Provided the website statistics: 9,258 people visited jacobschurch.org in the last 12 months; 889 people visited the website in January 2025. Statistics were also presented from other media outlets such as YouTube, Podcasts and Google. Jen also proposed a women's seminar focusing on teachings from Ephesians the Armor of God and possibly including a short instructional class on self-defense.

Reports:

The January Treasurer's report was reviewed, and corrections were made to the Missions Expenses Category. Focus on the Family 2024 donations should be \$1000 (not \$1500) and Freedom in Christ should be \$500 (not 0.00). A motion to accept the report with noted corrections was given by

Ron B. and 2nd by Mike B. The motion carried.

Total income for January = \$42,554.31

Total expenses for January = \$34,736.03

Net Profit (Loss) January = \$7818.28

Less Restricted Income for January = \$56.62

Add: Restricted Expenses = \$0.00

Net Unrestricted Profit (Loss) \$7761.66

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

-Church Board Minutes: The January Meeting Minutes were reviewed for accuracy and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Solomon J and 2nd by Kaitey S.; the motion carried.

Agenda

-Children's Minister Job Descriptions and Responsibilities document created by Ron B was presented to the board for us to review.

-Preschool Job Application for teachers and helpers- Concern raised that the job posting for these positions was not generating any applications. Dave Zoghby is taking the lead on this endeavor of advertising and recruitment.

-Youth Minister: Reviewed application received from Joshua David Gornicz for youth minister by the elders during his interview on Sunday February 2, 2025. Discussion of salary and housing followed by a motion to schedule a Zoom Meeting with him that would include everyone on the church board.

Committee Reports:

Mission Committee- Cru Philadelphia (Dave and Kaitey Brindley) will not be able to visit us on Feb 9 for mission moment due to unexpected health concerns. Lisa Chelius from LC Medical will be presenting the Sanctity of Human Life Ministry instead of Cru. The Baby Bottle Collection is the fund raiser to bring awareness to the Sanctity of Human Life. Discussion followed to further support LC Medical by hosting a baby shower for one of the ladies that has made a choice to keep her baby. The Ladies Monday evening group will be spearheading this endeavor. More details to come.

Property Committee-

Organ Bay ceiling repair has been completed. Organ repair scheduled for some time in Spring. Frozen pipe leading to water fountain in Activity Center was repaired. Hot water pipe leading to bathroom sinks has been repaired. Capital Project Meetings 2025 meeting postponed until March. Landscape and Spring cleaning will be announced soon; Saturday Men's Impact Group will join us in this effort.

Worship Team Committee- Pastor Stan reviewed the driving forces behind recent changes to the service. He received several comments in regard to the sharing of the peace- "time too short."

Christian Ed Committee- A suggestion from the board was made to place a flyer advertising Jacob's church in the various community newspapers. A motion to place a quarterly flyer in the Northwest Press at the cost of \$300 was made by Mike F and 2nd by Kaitey; motion carried.

Special Events Committee- The Ladies Monday evening group continues to plan for events to involve their members. They will contact LC Medical to support one of the ladies who has chosen to keep her baby by hosting a baby shower. Details to come.

Doctrine Committee- Continues to meet. No update at this time.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kayla and 2nd by Solomon; motion carried.

Elders meeting 2/10/2025. Next church board meeting March 3, 2025

Closing Prayer: Pastor Stan Newton

Minutes recorded and Submitted by Diane Wertman, Church Board Secretary

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, April 7, 2025.

Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, April 14, 2025.

At our December 1, 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$6,555.00 per week in order to meet our 2025 budget.

The following tithes and offerings were collected in February 2025:

February 2	\$7,262.90
February 9	Cancelled
February 16	\$7,002.90
February 23	\$6,312.90

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for Jan. ~ Feb.	\$52,440.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for Jan. ~ Feb.	\$42,689.32
Deficit for February 2025	\$ 9,750.68

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

Flowers for April

April 6 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

April 13 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

April 20 Easter Flowers

April 27 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:

(2) Altar Vases \$30.00

(1) Floral Stand \$20.00

Bud Vase \$5.00

Bulletins \$5.00

The 2025 chart is posted in the east vestibule on the Church Bulletin Board. Sign Up Today!

Any questions contact Pam Zoghby
(610.298.3002)

April Scripture Readers

April 6 Aria Hermany

April 13 Carla Newton

April 20 Richard Oswald

April 27 Joan Oswald

April Greeters

April 6 Jacob's Church Board

April 13 Jacob's Church Confirmation Class

April 20 Jacob's Church Board

April 27 Robert Nester and James Moyer
Rodney and Esther Mastauskas

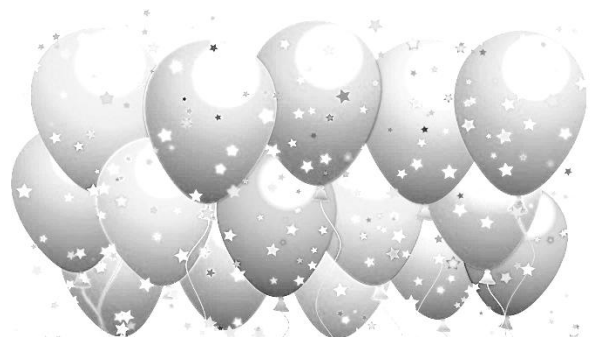
Sunday Morning Greeters arrive by 9:45am

Puppet Ministry

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Kayla Fusselman and Joan Oswald

**April Acolyte
Noelle Rauch-Mannino**



**Happy Birthday
April Birthdays!
Have a great year!
Many Blessings!**

◆Membership News◆

✝ Celebrating with...

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



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

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

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

✝ 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 Claude Kelley, who entered eternal rest on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at the age of 84-6-19. Claude is survived by his wife, Esther Sadie (nee Schaller) Kelley and his niece, Faye M. Smith (Tom) Foulk and family. Interment was held in the Ebenezer Union Cemetery on Wednesday, February 26th. Please keep the Kelley family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Peter M. Kahora, Jr, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the age of 72-5-17. Pete is survived by his loving wife, Janet, children, Brian (Jessica) Kahora, Emily (Patrick) Ladd and Adam (Amy) Kahora and their families. Pete volunteered at the Northwestern Ambulance Corp., and New Tripoli Fire Company for many years. Please keep the Kahora family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Kirk D. Fister, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the age of 57-1-15. Kirk is the son of Ruth A. (nee Hunsicker) Fister and the late Donald J. Fister (1936-2024). Kirk was also a 1986 graduate of Northwestern Lehigh High School. Interment was held on Saturday, March 1st in the New Jerusalem "Red Church" Cemetery, Stony Run, PA. Please keep the Fister family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Christine Norma (nee Mertz) Henson, who entered eternal rest on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at the age of 84-5-19. Interment was held on Monday, March 3, 2025 in Jacobs Union Cemetery. Christine is resting next to her parents, Rev. Alfred Stephen (1910-1978) and Norma Jennie nee Snyder (1909-1995) Mertz. Please keep the Henson family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Deborah Ann (nee Lenhart) Scott, who entered eternal rest on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at the age of 68-11-27. Deborah is the daughter of Donald James Sr., Shirley Grace (nee Hartung) Snyder and the late Charles Edgar Lenhart Jr (1933-2023). Deborah was confirmed at Jacob's Union Church on 28 September 1969 officiated by the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. In addition to her mother and stepfather, she is survived by her siblings, Charles Edgar (Cindy) Lenhart III, children, Heather (Brad) Eroh, daughter, Hailey Eroh; Chavon (Drew) Procyk, daughters, Ryleann Melicharek and RaeLynn Procyk; Tamala Sue Lenhart, Emily (Ben) Boltz, children, Reuben German, Edith Boltz and Vivian Boltz; Charlene Edith (nee Lenhart) Silva, children Jared Silva and Alexandra Silva; Donald James Snyder Jr. Deb was predeceased by her beloved brother, David Allen Lenhart (1958-1967). Deb's Celebration of Life service was held on Thursday, March 20th in the Nester Funeral Home, interment in Jacob's Union Cemetery, Pastor Emeritus Scott L. Shay of Jacob's Church officiated. Please keep the Scott family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Roger Carl Noss, who entered eternal rest on Sunday, March 2, 2025 at the age of 89-5-23. He is survived by his daughters, Lorraine (Jeff) Henninger, their children, Scott Henninger and Erin Henninger; Brenda Noss her children, Laura Dietrich (Stephen) Hayes and Nadine Dietrich. Roger was predeceased by his loving wife, Jean (nee Adam) Noss (1937-1999) and their son, David Wessley Noss (1958-2003). Roger's Celebration of Life service was held on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Jacob's Church, interment held in Jacobs Union Cemetery officiated by Rev. Stanley C. Newton. Please keep the Noss family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Joey Ray House, who entered eternal rest on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at the age of 69-7-18. Joe was a 1973 Northwestern Lehigh High School graduate, where he had an unforgettable football career. Joe served his country in the U. S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War era. He was also an impressive NYAA baseball coach with his dear friend, Paul "Junior" Billig (1959-2009). Joe is survived by his sons, Sean House, Scott House, his sister, Rilinda House (Eric) Busse, niece, Amanda (Joshua) Rex and families. Joey's Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, May 4th in Jacob's Activity Center starting at 2:30pm. Please keep the House family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Stanley Harvey Roth, who entered eternal rest on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at the age of 82-1-10. Stanley was a passionate teacher at Weisenberg Elementary School in the NWL School District. Over the years his love of Jesus and generous spirit graced us at Jacob's Church during many Vacation Bible School events. Please keep the Roth family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Sandra Nancy (nee Rodenbach) Schaller, who entered eternal rest on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the age of 85-11-4. Sandra was the widow of the late Kermit Warren Schaller (1935-2021). Sandra is survived by her niece, Faye M. Smith (Tom) Foulk and family. Please keep the Schaller family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Robert Edwin Stufflet, who entered eternal rest on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at the age of 73-0-4. Bob was the son of Doris E. (nee Cheeks) Stufflet and the late Sterling Edwin (1929-2011) Stufflet. Bob is survived by his mother, Doris and loving wife, Susan Delores (nee Follweiler) Stufflet and his children, Douglas Stufflet, Matthew (Ashley) Stufflet, his stepchildren, Jennifer (Brian) Phillips Dzedzy and Christopher (Kerry) Phillips, and six loving grandchildren. Bob is also survived by his brothers-in-law, David Follweiler, Michael (Denise) Follweiler and their son, Jacob Follweiler. Bob served his country in the US Army. Bob was a member of Jacob's Church, on the 250th Anniversary Committee, a Jacob's Youth Leader for a time and over the years we enjoyed his powerful musical talents. Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, April 5th at Saint Peter's, Lynnville Church officiated by Pastor Sterling Ritter and assisted by Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor Emeritus of Jacob's Church, New Tripoli. Please keep the Stufflet family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Corinne L. (nee Biery) Newhard, who entered eternal rest on Monday, March 17, 2025 at the age of 92-6-7. Corinne is survived by her husband, Bernard J. "Bernie" Newhard, her daughters, Donna (Ronald) Newhard Smith, Debra Newhard Budinetz, Gary (Monica) Newhard and eight grandchildren, which include Adam (Lauren) Smith, Hilary (Larry) Smith Kish, Jordan (Khrystina) Smith; thirteen greatgrandchildren, which include Owen Smith, Hailey Smith, Harper Nicole Kish, Hallie Anna Kish, and Carson Jay Smith. Services were held on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Please keep the Newhard family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Gail (nee Sanders) Hamm, who entered eternal rest on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at the age of 69-7-23. Gail is survived by her husband, Ryan, her son, Daniel Hamm, her daughter, Gabrielle (Brindan) Hamm Kistler, and grandchildren, Henry, Hailey and Evelyn Kistler. Gail is also survived by her sister-in-law, Rhonda (Hamm) Lindahl, her son Matthew Lindahl and family. Over the years Gail assisted at

Jacob's Church Vacation Bible School and attended Jacob's Church faithfully. Celebration of Life service was held on Monday, March 24, 2025 at Sacred Heart Church in Palmerton, interment followed in Jacobs Union Cemetery. Please keep the Hamm family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of William VanTol, who entered eternal rest on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at the age of 81-4-1. Bill is survived by his wife, Carol (nee Kerschner) Van Tol and family. Bill was a member of the Jacob's Church Board and was on the Activity Center Building Committee. Services were held in Jacobs Union Cemetery on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 officiated by Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor Emeritus of Jacob's Church. Please keep the VanTol family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Brian David Fusselman, who entered eternal rest on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at the age of 66-4-8. Brian was the son of the late James George Jr (1935-1989) and Barbara Laura nee Althouse (1936-2007) Fusselman, and widower of Diane Sue nee Weller Fusselman (1958-2018). Brian is survived by his loving children, Briana M. (Seth) Winters, Riley J. (Katie) Fusselman, Kayla L. (Nick) Fusselman and Eric Fusselman. His precious grandchildren, Stephenie Ann Winters, Brayden Michael Winters, Rory Edmund Winters, Jasper Allen Winters, Lincoln James Fusselman. Brian was a faithful member of Jacob's Church, baptized 25 February 1959 officiated by the late Rev. Clarence R. Rahn, confirmed 10 June 1973 officiated by the late Rev. John G. Light, married Diane Sue Weller 14 March 1998 officiated by Rev. Scott L. Shay. Brian served the Lord with gladness, helping at church functions, involved with the 250th Jacob's Anniversary Celebration, created amazing drawings of the church, and the Sunday morning soundman during worship. Brian continued giving as he entered eternal rest as an organ donor. Well done my good and faithful servant, celebrating in the arms of our Lord, and Savior. The Celebration of Life service for Brain will be held on Thursday, April 3rd at Jacob's Church, officiated by Rev. Stan C. Newton, assisted by Rev. Tad M. Schlegel (Pastor of Mt. Bethel Church, McClure PA), and Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor Emeritus of Jacob's Church. Please keep the Fusselman family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.



Care and Hospitality Ministry

Beginning in May, Carla will be the primary contact for care and hospitality needs in our Jacob's Church family, and community in the event of births, illness, or other needs that may arise.

If you are interested in helping with meals, please send Carla your contact information including name, telephone number and email address.

Please address questions to Carla at 828.243.0960 or carlanewton143@gmail.com

◆ Choir Corner by Melinda Kelly ◆

Lenten Hymn - We will be singing a “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”, text written by Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748), an English Congregational minister. One Sunday, when Isaac was young, he was complaining about the hymns which were being sung in church. At the time, a cantor (singer) would sing a part of a Psalm and the congregation would merely repeat it. His father, who was the pastor of the church at the time, said, “I’d like to see you write something better.” As the story goes, Isaac did just that and had written “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” in a few hours.

The hymn is based on Galatians 6:14 (May I never boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.). The text has been set to two hymn tunes. We will be singing the hymn tune, Hamburg, on Sunday, April 6 and the hymn tune, O Waly, Waly, at the Wednesday service on April 9.

Invitation - I would like to invite you to sing in the choir, even if it is just for a short time. Please consider singing with the choir during the Lenten and Easter seasons in April and May. The choir will be singing through the end of June. During rehearsals, we work on how to sing correctly with vocal, physical and breathing exercises. Please let me know and I will prepare a folder of music for you. We would be happy to welcome you into the choir family!



Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

Praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels;

Praise Him, all His hosts!

Praise Him, sun and moon,

Praise Him, all you shining stars!

Praise Him, you highest heavens,

And you waters above the heavens! Psalm 148:1-4

◆ April Happenings at Jacob's Church ◆

Holy Communion will be served on **Sunday, April 6, 2025** during the 10:15am worship service. *"and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes"*
I Corinthians 11:24-26



Easter Flowers ~ Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for the Easter morning service with colorful flowering plants. Lilies \$10, Daffodils \$8, Hyacinths \$8, Tulips \$8. **Please use the sign-up sheet in the west vestibule, fill out the envelope provided in the box along with your payment. Deadline to order is today Sunday, March 30th.** Please contact Pam Zoghby (610.298.3002).



**Key
Moments
in Church
History**
The Alphabet
& Books



Lenten Season Series ~ continues through Wednesday, April 16th join us for a Potluck entree/salad dinner at 6:00pm, at 7:00pm "Key Moments in Church History" series with Pastor Stan Newton. The church will provide salad/bread and the congregation will provide their best entrees! Signup sheet for Wednesday nights best entrees is posted in the west vestibule area. On Wednesday, April 2nd the Potluck/Lenten series will be held at Ebenezer UCC Church, 7293 Decatur St., New Tripoli

Sunday, April 13th at 10:15am
Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem, during which palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent. Join us as we reflect on Jesus' journey into Jerusalem and celebrate by the blessing and distribution of palm branches.





Friday, April 18th at 7:00pm

Tenebrae Service (Good Friday) is a Christian holy day observing the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during the Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum. It is also known as Black Friday, Holy Friday, Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord. Join us as we reflect on the sacrifices Jesus made for us as we lay our burdens at his cross. It is Friday, but Sunday is coming!

Sunday, April 20th at 9:00am

Resurrection Sunday (Easter) marks the glorious celebration of Jesus' resurrection, the cornerstone of the Christian faith. The empty tomb and Jesus' appearances to his followers confirm his victory over death and his identity as the Son of God. Join us as we celebrate our risen Lord, Jesus. Hallelujah, Jesus is Alive! **No Confirmation and Sunday School that Sunday.**

Hallelujah
HE IS RISEN



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, April 3rd and Thursday, April 17th.

Cards Of Encouragement Ministry ~ "Thinking of you" cards to be sent out are in the west vestibule area, please take the time to sign each card before or after worship. FMI, please contact Loretta Peters (610.349.2160), 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).

Ladies Night Out! Will meet on Monday, April 21st at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. FMI, please contact Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567).

**LADIES
NIGHT
OUT**



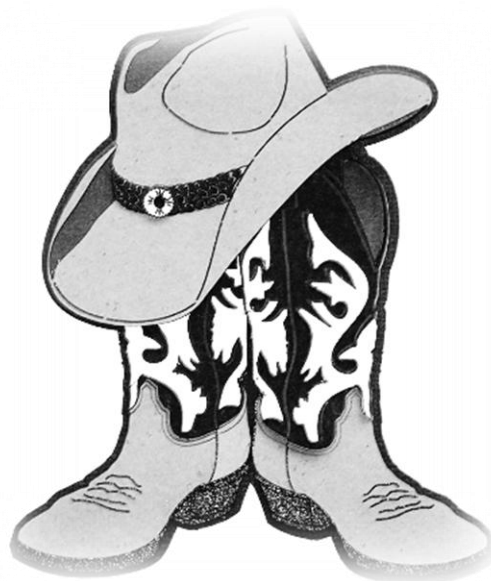
IMPACT ~ will be held on the first (4/5) Saturday and on the third (4/19) Saturday at 8:00am at New Tripoli Hotel. IMPACT Men target their home, work, and community. Breakfast will be served! FMI, please contact Pastor Stan (828.242.5388).

Mission Crafters ~ Woman of all Ages ~ Friday, April 11th, 9:30am ~ 11:30am in the church basement. FMI, please contact Linda Besch (484.707.0877).



**Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 7th ~
Friday, July 11th
VBS Celebration Event
Sunday, July 13th**

GOD is a mighty fine pardner
He is always along for the ride, I reckon
from sun-up to sun-down, he's traveling
there by your side. Say howdy to him by
praying. He'll fetch you whatever you need.
And rustle up graces to help you follow the
trail where he leads. Amen



Youth activities

Kids Night Out! ~ will be held on Friday, April 11th in the Activity Center, 6:00pm ~ 9:00pm. Open to youth K-5th grade. No sign up necessary! FMI, please contact Kayla Fusselman at kemptoncountry@gmail.com or (610.844.1567)



EASTER Extravaganza

April 12, 2025 -- 1-2pm -- Ages 3-12

Jacob's Church Activity Center
8373 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA

Kids are welcome to join and learn about the true meaning of Easter through fun stations.

Complete all stations and be entered to win an Android tablet!

Candy and prizes for all who participate!



Mission Moment, Bright Hope ~Sunday, April 13th ~ Please join us! Love offering envelopes will be available on the table in the west vestibule of the sanctuary on Sunday, April 6th and Sunday, April 13th for the Bright Hope ministry. May the Lord continue to bless this ministry.

Bright Hope operates two centers in Allentown and Easton that provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and counseling to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Bright Hope has served nearly 400 women facing an unplanned pregnancy, 6 young homeless women and their babies, and 6,603 students in our community since last year (2024 ?) Along with help from the community, they have not only weathered the storms in intentional attacks against pregnancy centers, but have come out stronger, better equipped, and more secure in the Mighty Fortress of our God!

The battle for life isn't over. God is working through Bright Hope and in the lives of those they serve. They need support to expand the No-Cost Maternal Health Care Services and Accredited Health Clinic through the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).

Bright Hope has a program called Door of Hope Transitional Housing Program where women ages 18-25 who are pregnant and homeless or at risk of homelessness are given an opportunity to transition from homelessness to independent living. The moms learn life skills and understand the value of healthy relationships. A comfortable and loving atmosphere allows the sharing of our gifts and passions that will impact the lives of our young ladies in great ways.

Volunteers teach moms skills that can build their self-esteem, increase their sense of independence, and set them up for a brighter future. Young women who are accepted into the program are encouraged to get high school diploma if they do not have one. They are also helped to secure work and also find day care for their child while they are in the program. They attend special classes each week to learn various life skills such as budgeting and saving, cooking and /or baking, nutrition education, and computer skills to enhance employment opportunities.

The Baby Boutique Shop located at 2200 Hamilton Blvd has baby items as well as personal care items for mom and welcome your donations. Here, moms can purchase items with Baby Bucks they have earned for attending parenting classes. "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

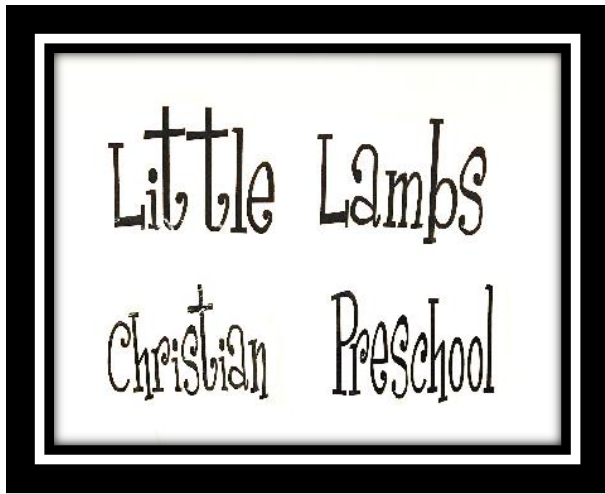
 BrightHope™
WALK FOR LIFE
walk for her.

Saturday, April 26th, 2025

Register at brighthousepartners.org/walk-for-life



◆ Jacob's Church Little Lambs Preschool ◆



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

2024-2025
Tuesday, April 15h ~ no school
Wednesday, April 16th ~ no school
Thursday, April 17th ~ no school



Jacob's Church Little Lambs Preschool teachers are retiring after twenty years of service. Jacob's Church would like to continue this ministry. If interested in filling this position as teachers or aides, FMI, please contact David Zoghby (610.597.4369).

**Get out your sneakers
and enjoy a walk in the park
while helping others!**



**LC Medical
Spring Chicken
5K Walk/Run & Family Festival
Schuylkill River Trail**

**Saturday, April 26th
Hamburg Park
Franklin St and Park Rd
Hamburg PA**

**Register TODAY for free shirt and
discounted registration!**

**Early bird registration
ends April 13th.**

**Details and register
at our donor website:
www.friendsoflc.org/springchicken**



We need YOU!
Join us to support
Bright Hope in the
5K Walk for Life

Register for the 2025 Walk for Life!

**It's time to start forming teams to support the life-affirming
services Bright Hope provides
to our local community for free!**

**This is a casual event where participants can walk, run or bike.
Children and furry friends are welcome!
The basket raffle continues to be a huge hit!**

**If you'd like to donate a basket, please click this link:
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF45A5AC2EA2F5CF8-
55206237-3rdannual#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF45A5AC2EA2F5CF8-55206237-3rdannual#/)**

**To register for the Walk for Life, click this link:
<https://brighthopepartners.org/walk-for-life/>**



SAVE THE DATE
Golfers let's get it done!
Get the clubs out of storage!



Saturday, May 24, 2025
Four-person scramble Benefiting: Bright Hope
First Annual Dan Smoker Memorial Golf Tournament
Whitetail Golf Club ~ Bath, PA
More information and registration
details are soon to follow.

Save the Date
Saturday, May 3, 2025



Ladies Lunch & Laughs!
Activity Center

Doors open at 11:30am
potluck meal at 12:00pm.

Sign up on bulletin board in the west
vestibule of the church for
number attending & food item bringing.

More details to follow!

(event in place of Ladies Banquet)





Armor & Action: Equipping Women in Body & Spirit

**You're invited to a fun filled,
action packed morning at
Jacob's Church as we help
equip women of all ages to
defend themselves against any
spiritual or physical battle!**

When: Saturday, May 17,
2025, from 9:30 to 2:00

Where: Jacob's Church
Activity Center, 8373 Kings
Hwy, New Tripoli, PA

This event includes spiritual and physical self-defense training.

- **The spiritual training will focus on the "Armor of God" from Ephesians 6:10-18.**
- **The physical self-defense training will be taught by Gale Sterner. He will teach techniques of Krav Maga, self-defense system that uses a combination of martial arts and other techniques for effective self-defense.**

Gale is a 7th Dan Black Belt, a licensed instructor in the Bujinkan Ninjutsu style from Japan and trained with several military instructors from Israel in Krav Maga. He is also a former Marine.

Attendance is free; Lunch is included



**RSVP by May 9th to Kelly Mease
email treasurer@jacobschurch.org or
text/call 484-725-9558**



◆ Fastnacht 2025 ◆



Ron Smith & Charles Kaley



Donna Smith, Liz Long & Donna Shay



Donna Shay & Charlene Silva



Carol Rassler & Louise Hill



Pam Zoghby & Loretta Peters



Jim Moyer, Ralph Hill & Brian Fusselman



Jared Silva



Charles Kaley



Brian Fusselman



Corinne Bast



Jen Mease, Faye Foulk, Rev. Scott Shay



Sue Mannino & David Held



Teena Bailey



Michael Bailey



Rodney Mastauskas



Ron Smith & Bill Dellicker



Faye Billig & Donna Smith



Nick Fusselman



Jim Moyer & David Held



Kelly Mease & Sue Mannino

Fastnacht fundraiser

Faye Foulk, LeAnn Shoemaker and Pam Zogby operate pick ups for the annual fastnacht sale at Jacob's Church, New Tripoli. An estimated 552 fastnachts were made. Foulk said the orders increase each year because there are fewer places making them. The dynamic fastnacht making team has been rolling dough for five years. Jim Weaver shakes hands with fastnacht maker LeAnn Shoemaker.



610 dozens of Fastnacht were sold! Jacob's has an awesome group of people! Thank you "Holy Rollers" and all of our helpful Jacob's Congregation!

ABOVE: Bags of fastnachts line tables at Jacob's Church, New Tripoli, waiting for customers to pick up.

RIGHT: Tony Werley picks up his fastnacht order from church member Faye Foulk.

**PRESS PHOTOS BY
BERNADETTE SUKLEY**



◆ In our Community ◆

23RD BASKET SOCIAL





WEISENBERG/LOWHILL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LEHIGH COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

VINCE'S FAMOUS CHEESESTEAKS
Fundraiser
Wed, April 9
NOON - 6:00 PM

CONTACT INFO

Debbi - 610-662-8646
Gloria - 610-216-1927
Nancy - 484-767-2307
Helen - 610-730-2312

Sunday, April 6 - Noon - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 9 - 1:00-6:00 PM
Friday, April 11 - 1:00-6:00 PM
Saturday, April 12 - 9:00 AM - Noon
\$7.00 for a sheet of 26 tickets
Additional tickets \$5.00 each
Tickets for Special Baskets Sold Separately

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

4585 Werley's Corner Road , New Tripoli PA 18066



Donate your gently used uniforms, equipment, & Spiritwear!

NYAA SPRING SPORTS Equipment Sale

BENEFITS THE NYAA SNACK STAND

<p>DROP OFF ITEMS : FRI 3/28 6-8PM SAT 3/29 8-12PM</p>	<p>LYNNPORT FIRE COMPANY Sun 3/30 8am-1pm</p>	<p>CASH ONLY MARY ANN DONUTS FOR SALE!</p>
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Lynn Township Community Litter Pick Up Day
Saturday, April 26th from 10am ~ 12pm
Lynn Township Municipal Building
Bring family and friends! Pick up Hi-Viz vests and trash bags. You will receive pick up instructions upon arrival! Return to the municipal building to throw out found trash.
Meet your neighbors! Keep Our Community Beautiful! Children Welcome! Get Involved!
Brought to you by the Lynn Township Environmental Advisory Council!
FMI 610.298.2645



Thank you to our Sponsor!

610-837-1790
bergersanitation.com





www.responsiblerecycling.com
Be Environmentally Friendly!
Recycle your old unwanted, broken and outdated electronics and appliances.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY!!!

Saturday, April 26, 2025 9:00am ~ 12:00pm
Lynn Township Building
7911 Kings Hwy, New Tripoli PA
for everyone safety we ask that you remain in your car.

Items that can be recycled FREE of charge are listed below:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desktop Computers (Fee for Monitors) • Keyboards & Mice • Printers/Fax Machines • Cables & Cords • Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries • Laptops • UPS Battery Backups • Toner & Ink Cartridges • Audio Visual Equipment • Telephones & Cell Phones* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVD Players & VCR's • Gaming Systems • String Christmas Lights • Microwaves & Small Appliances • Metal Items & Water Heaters • Exercise Equipment • Car Batteries (sealed lead acid) • Metal Bed Frames & Rain spouting • Filing Cabinets *Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries
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Additional Items that can be recycled for a Fee:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washer or Dryer-\$20.00 • Stove \$20.00 • Dishwasher-\$20.00 • Computer Monitor-\$20 • TV under 42" - CRT or Flat Screen - \$40 • TV over 42" - Flat screen, in a wooden console, projection type or TV Tube or Broken Screen TV - \$60 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioner - \$25 • Dehumidifier - \$25 • Refrigerator - \$35 • Floor Freezer - \$35 • Floor Copier-\$20 • Console Stereo (in cabinet) \$35 • Water Cooler or Dorm Fridge - \$25
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Destruction Services for a Fee:

- Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per drive, Includes a Certificate of Destruction
- Document Destruction (offsite) - \$10 per standard paper size box, Includes a Certificate of Destruction

****Cash or Checks ONLY****
Please have exact change or check prepared.
****Please Make Checks Payable to Responsible Recycling Services or RRS****

Mary Ann DONUT FUNDRAISER

IT'S TIME TO RAISE SOME DOUGH!

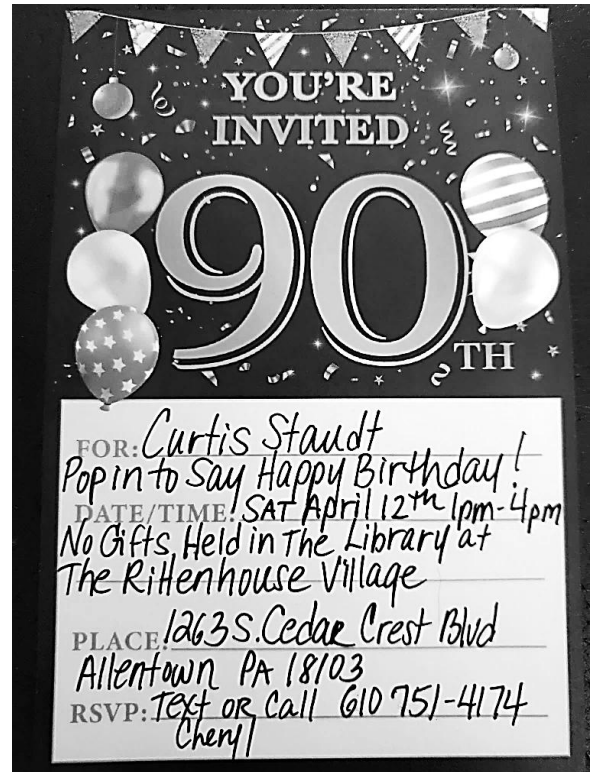


- Help **Lynnport Fire Company** raise funds!
- Supporters pre-order donuts by the dozen or half dozen, or as a gift card voucher to be used in-store at Mary Ann Donut Kitchen
- Order forms provided and **due back with payment by April 18**
- Accept **cash only**
- Pick up donuts at the Lynn Township Building during the Recycling Event on April 26 from 9AM-Noon.
- Questions? Contact Jamie at (484) 274-9183

If you would like to place an order, please text, call or email Faye Foulk (610.751.5742 or novaps@aol.com).

I can pick up your order to give to you on Sunday, April 27th

Lynnport Fire Company
Thanks You!



DONUT OPTIONS

- DOZEN GIFT CARD
- HALF DOZEN GIFT CARD
- GLAZED RING
- CHOCOLATE
- VANILLA
- BOSTON CREAM
- APPLE CRUMB
- MAPLE
- STRAWBERRY
- PB&J
- CHOCOLATE SPRINKLE RING
- VANILLA SPRINKLE RING
- DOZEN MIX
- (3 CHOC, 3 VANILLA, 3 GLAZED RING, 3 BOSTON CREAM)
- HALF DOZEN MIX (2 CHOC, 2 VANILLA, 2 GLAZED RING)

PICK UP:
APRIL 26, 9AM-NOON
LYNN TOWNSHIP BUILDING

DOZEN: \$16
HALF DOZEN: \$8

ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 18

CASH ONLY



◆ Thank You! ◆

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



Because of you,
there's someone who
is thanking God today.
Someone who appreciates
your warm and caring way.
Someone who's remembering
the special things you do
and wishing you His blessings
every day the whole year through.

To My Jacob's Church Family,
I can't thank you enough for your love
and kindness for me.
When I needed someone you were there, and
you still are ready to help in my hour of need.
I've seen God's hand in our lives many times
over the years, also in Rosie's going home.
I have seen God's blessings!
I know Rosie is safe in the arms of Jesus.
NO MORE PAIN!
P.T.L., Jim Moyer

To Our Brothers & Sisters at Jacob's Church,
We thank you for allowing our friends and
family to use the Activity Center for our 60th
wedding anniversary on February 15th.
The celebration allowed our entire family to
gather together for the first time in many years.
Though the weather was less than ideal, our
visits and opportunities to catch up and share
will be a treasure for us and our family forever.
Your facility and the people who care for it
was a perfect experience for us!
Thank you and God Bless, Dave and Gloria Rice



Jacob's Church

On behalf of Hands In Service (HIS), Mary and I would like to say thank you for your warm welcome on March 9th and your interest in how God is using HIS to share His good news, while comforting those in need. It was a pleasure to talk with many of you and hear about how God is using you personally to do His Kingdom work.

We received your generous donation to HIS today in the mail. Your support is greatly appreciated. Your contributions will be used to sure up all three branches of HIS (International Missions, Donation Distributions, disaster Relief and Recovery Services).

Thank you again for welcoming us into your family in Christ.
God Bless Ed and Mary Tornetta Hands in Service, Inc.



◆ Missions ◆

This is how your gift is being used. We have had an outpouring of new believers after disciples drilled many village wells. Showed the Jesus Film and built relationships with many many new house churches, some of which had no Bibles. We have provided Bibles for each house church leader and umbrellas so the disciples can brave the weather each day to go to the homes to follow up. The doors are open and God is at work. We are working on training more disciples for follow-up and more projectors and bicycles to expand our reach. The radical RSS group is very active in these areas and resistance, threats, and persecution are very real.



BARNABAS BENEFIT MARCH 2025 UPDATE

These are exciting times in India and surrounding areas and I wanted to give you a brief summary of the communications/updates I've received.

Borewells continue to be the most requested tool to touch people's lives who suffer from waterborne conditions and illnesses. Typically our leaders meet with and form relationships with village elders about the water situation in their village. (and other needs) The elders encourage the villagers to raise whatever funds possible to invest in drilling their own borewell. This is now the normal situation and word has spread and villages are waiting. We find donors to provide the final funds; usually about 75% or about \$300 of the \$400 discounted charge that our long-time trusted driller with truck and crew needs to start. His truck is not always able to reach the right position so a long electrical cable from the truck with an electric drill is often used.

Indians have a greater immunity to waterborne illnesses, but still many get sick in those situations. Many of the young, sickly, and elderly have difficulties and sometimes die. This is especially true when the Monsoons flood all the sanitation facilities along with water sources. Our leader in a remote area went to a remote village to form a relationship with village elders and they offered him some of the water they were drinking which he perhaps reluctantly drank. He got extremely sick and feverish for several days and the effects lingered. He is OK now and we have four new well drillings in progress in that area.

Another leader with 11 disciples (one of the 12 was killed recently) has done an amazing job with a crowded refugee area on land between a non-operating tea garden and an oil refinery. Throughout the winter we have built relationships and provided emergency food, blankets, and tarps from the harsh weather among the 500+ families there.

The disciples previously requested transportation and equipment to do the labor for wells as they went village to village and it proved quite successful. We have done the same again and these villagers are helping and providing funds too. These wells are manually pounded into the ground at 60-100 feet not drilled like other areas. Recent donations answered prayers and the disciples are on a quest to finish the last 17 wells in the area. We are following up with showing the Jesus film in Assamese and Naga and other languages and are training house church leaders and providing 300 native language Bibles and the Book of John for those interested. The Bibles had to be hand carried 7 hours from out of the area. God is working and there have been scores of Baptisms in what Natalie describes as "cold dirty water"

Many areas are not especially "safe" in NE India and can easily be targeted. There is one tribe, the Naga, who are 98% Christian according to statistics. We have provided the last materials for a church there in the Naga area where people from surrounding unsafe areas can come to worship. We normally encourage small house church gatherings and are trusting this church won't be targeted.

In 2008 my first bonding and the beginning of a passion for India began with the homeless orphans living on the streets and children in general. I have not felt led to provide "the \$20/mo." or so you often see solicited for orphans. However I have been increasingly drawn to the overwhelming huge and growing population of children and youth there who are the future of India. We do work with multiple leader's orphan situations and two leper colonies on a case-by-case basis along with some basic school supplies where government schooling is not available. We have recently helped purchase an abandoned building in a tea garden area home to hundreds of unschooled families. We are experimenting with basic schooling and skills such as sewing to help provide hope and futures. It is my dream that all "graduating" orphans enter back into society with a skill and hopefully as a "tentmaker" to help others.

One of our leaders left North India where he was planting successful house churches for treatment for injuries in South India in a state called Tamil Nadu. I am fond of that area and have visited several times

including a local leper colony. As is his custom, he starts a small tea business and builds relationships which often result in house churches. Much to his dismay, the people there refuse to speak what most people consider the national language “Hindi” and will only communicate in “Tamil”. He must have felt like I felt when I first tried to do business in Hamburg, PA many years ago and people only wanted to speak “Pennsylvania Deutch.” He bought a Tamil dictionary and thinks he’ll add this language to his other languages in another few months! There are 64 official languages in India with 12 primary ones. Manipur has 32 tribal languages and Nagaland has 28. That is why I load eight languages on most Jesus Film projectors and are working to get new ones in more areas. We are also involved in translations (and purchases of) local tribal materials. Most, if not all, of our leaders speak multiple languages with one speaking six.

Spring is coming to the Himalayan Mountain areas and one of our Nepali leaders is trekking back to continue his work with those we helped with food and blankets during the frigid winter, His trip last spring involved many miles on his packed motorbike, crossing 30+ streams and walking the last few miles. I think he must have the record for the most frigid baptisms!

I am so proud to be able to work with these dedicated leaders who are self-supporting and who only ask us for prayers and support for their projects. We do help when needed with medical and bail issues when leaders are arrested.

Some blessings:

Two awesome young ladies helping by transitioning us to QuickBooks Online. A real God sent blessing! Thank you ladies!

I also have been blessed with an awesome local friend who grew up in India and knows the culture and language. He is another God sent and a blessing as a trusted resource for culture, local Indian resources, etc.

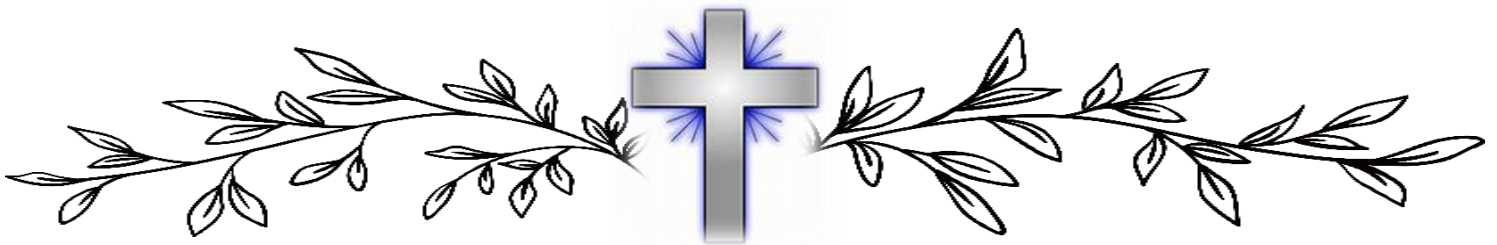
Another friend is helping find suitable heavy duty easily repairable bicycles.

Numerous friends have introduced us and promoted Barnabas Benefit to an ever-broadening audience.

God has answered my prayers by providing legal, banking, technical, and just good advice; all volunteered from supporters and donors. Your caring ideas and thoughts are always appreciated.

Thank you for your prayers, your trust, and your compassionate giving.

Blessings, John (and team)



Panama Update

Hello all,
May the Creator of the universe be handing you all a great deck of cards these days.
Here in Panama it is the usual HOT time of the year. 93 yesterday.

Good stuff happening, but you will have to wait a bit to hear about it as I will be home in a month to fill you in, in person. April 24 I will land in Newark and I will be 'in town' till the end of May. Hint: It is so cool when the blind can see again!

I have a place to stay, however I will need the use of a reliable car for the month. Is God calling you to bless this missionary this trip? Let me know.

I enjoy my time in the states, doing presentations for churches, families and sometimes groups of people. And, if you have any favorite dishes you cook and need a taste-tester, I'm your guy. Hahaha. For some reason a good sausage sandwich is calling my name from afar.

See y'all soon with plenty of godly stories to tell and pics to see.

Joyfully Serving in Panama since 2011,
Bobby Mo



JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

March 25, 2025

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

Sisters of Esther held their weekly meetings on Tuesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th; starting at 9:30am and ending approximately at 11:30am.

Stephen Ministers held their monthly meetings on Thursday, March 6th and Thursday, March 20th.

Ladies Night Out! was held on Monday, March 17th. Mission Crafters crafted in the basement on Friday, March 14th. Mission Committee held a meeting on Friday, March 21st. Jacob's Youth held their event on Friday, March 14th.

Jacob's Church Board meeting was held on Monday, March 3rd in the church basement.

Private celebrations were held on Saturday, March 1st, March 8th, March 22nd, and March 29th. Pinewood Derby was held on Saturday, March 15th.

Kutztown Twirlers practiced on Friday, March 7th, 21st, and 28th, 5:00pm ~ 9:00pm in the gym; on Friday, March 14th they practiced outside and in the church. NWL Twirlers practiced on Monday, March 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st, 4:30pm ~ 9:00pm. NYAA Volleyball held their practice sessions on Sunday, March 9th, 16th, and 23rd, 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm. NYAA Softball held practice on Tuesday, March 4th and 11th and Thursday, March 13th, 7:00pm ~ 9:00pm. NYAA Lacrosse held practices on Tuesday, March 4th, and Thursday, March 6th, 5:30pm ~ 6:30pm.

Abiding Arrow Home School held their sessions on Wednesday, March 5th, 12th, and 19th, 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm. The group also had a time of prayer on Wednesday, March 12th, 11:00am ~ 12:30pm. NWL-FCA held a meeting on Wednesday, March 5th in the Activity Center, due to Lenten series the group moved to the church basement for meetings on March 12th, 19th and 26th. FCA movie night was held on Thursday, March 20th in the Activity Center gym.

IMPACT met the first and third Saturday of March in the Activity Center.

Fastnacht making held on Saturday, March 1st, thank you everyone. You are the best!

A luncheon was held on Friday, March 14th after the Celebration of Life of Roger Carl Noss (1935-2025). A luncheon was also held on Thursday, March 20th after the Celebration of Life of Deborah Ann (nee Lenhart) Scott (1956-2025). A luncheon was held on Monday, March 24th after the Celebration of Life of Gail M. (nee Sander) Hamm (1955-2025). A luncheon was also held on Wednesday, March 26th after the grave side service of William VanTol (1943-2025). Thank you to all. Jacob's Church you ROCK!

April

2025

Scheduled Church Activities

*“He is not here, but has risen.
Remember how he told you,
while he was still in Galilee”. Luke 24:6*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	2 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am FCA 6-7pm	3 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	4	5
6 9:00 SS 9:00 Catechism Class 10:15am Worship Holy Communion	7 Church Board Meeting 7pm	8 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	9 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am FCA 6-7pm	10 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	11 Mission Crafters 9:30am Twirlers 5:00-9:00pm	12
13 9:00 SS 9:00 Catechism Class 10:15am Worship Mission Moment Palm Sunday	14 Elders Meeting 7pm	15	16 FCA 6-7pm	17 Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	18 Tenebrae Service 7:00pm	19
20 9:00am Worship Holy Communion Resurrection Sunday	21	22 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	23 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	24 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	25	26
27 9:00 SS 9:00 Catechism Class 10:15am Worship	28	29 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	30 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am			

April

2025

Scheduled Activity Center Activities

**“If you declare with your mouth,
“Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved”. Romans 10:9**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	2 Abiding Co-op 11:00am-4:00pm 6pm Soup/Salad 7pm Lenten Service	3 Stephen Ministers 9:30-12:00pm	4 Twirlers 5:00-9:00pm	5 IMPACT AT NT Hotel Private Celebration
6 SS 9:00am	7 Twirlers 4:30-9pm	8 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	9 Abiding Co-op 11:00am-4:00pm 6pm Soup/Salad 7pm Lenten Service	10 VB 7:30-10:00pm	11 Youth Group 6-9pm	12 Private Celebration
13 SS 9:00am Palm Sunday	14 Twirlers 4:30-9pm	15 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	16 Abiding Co-op 1:00-4:00pm 6pm Soup/Salad 7pm Lenten Service	17 Stephen Ministers 9:30-12:00pm Pickleball Class 12:30-2:30pm	18 Twirlers 5:00-9:00pm	19 IMPACT at New Tripoli Hotel
20 Resurrection Sunday	21 Ladies Night Out! 6:30pm	22 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	23 Abiding Co-op 11:00am-4:00pm FCA 6-7pm	24	25 Twirlers 5:00-9:00pm	26
27 SS 9:00am Private Celebration	28 Twirlers 4:30-9pm	29 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	30 Abiding Co-op 1:00-4:00pm FCA 6-7pm			

