

# † 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 †

### The Necessary Noël

Noël comes from the Latin verb nasci, "to be born." In our modern English it has become a synonym for Christmas of course for its focus on birth. For Advent this year I am going to be concentrating on what was necessary in the Noël, the birth of Jesus.

The apostle Paul understood the birth of Jesus as coming "in the fulness of time." God is never late, nor early. He is always on time, so Jesus' birth landed Him in human history at the exact right moment. In retrospect, I am sure Joseph and Mary had no idea, nor could they anticipate, the turmoil that would follow the announcement of Jesus' coming. For others Christ's coming was far more upsetting than the reordering of their betrothal and wedding plans. King Herod found the news of baby Jesus so threatening he ordered the lives of all the young boys in Bethlehem to be taken.

It is hard not to get cross-eyed over what happened in that little town two centuries ago. How could God let that go down? Surely, He knew what would happen if the news reached Herod that Jesus was born just a few miles south of Jerusalem. Why didn't He just send an angel and tip off those weary travelers from the east so they would skip Jerusalem and head right down to the Bethlehem. It's these kinds of unanswered questions that keep people up at night, and along with the expectation that God would do more than offer an unrequited response, it's what turns people off.

But listen to Paul. He went on to say that not only did Jesus come at the right time, but God also sent Him to be born of a woman and born under the law. Like Jesus, we all have been born of a woman, but not all of us have been born under God's Law. However, we have been born into

families and communities, like Jesus, that had standards of righteousness and dignity that had they been followed life we be much sweeter for everyone, maybe not perfect, but certainly sweeter and more enjoyable.

What seems to get lost on quite a few people is the idea that the arrival of God’s Son is not what caused the turmoil down here. It was here already. Indeed, it is the very lack of God’s presence in our home and communities that wreaks havoc upon us. What we need is the arrival of Jesus like he came back then even still more today.

The essence of pastoral ministry is to remind people of this need. Pointing out people’s trials, failures, disappointments, misgivings, breakdowns, trauma, and a whole host of other negative things is not for the purpose of shaming anyone. It is for the purpose of awakening individuals and our community to the idea that maybe Jesus is not as present as He could be in all our lives, and who better to invite Him into those spaces than the good folks of Jacob’s.

So how do we do that? First, we ask for a second Noël, a personal one. We all need that new birth and once we have it, we ask for it again and again and again. I am not saying we ask to be born again over and over; that happens once, and once it happens, we are transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God’s dear Son. No, what I am saying is we ask God to renew us in the middle of all our trauma, troubles, and trials. We ask for new life for our family, friends, and neighbors, we ask for God’s merciful rule to extend to the ends of earth spreading peace and goodwill to all peoples everywhere. Why? Because the Noël is necessary if we are ever to be truly joyful. SOLI DEO GLORIA

*Pastor Stanley C. Newton*

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**Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, December 1, 2024 immediately following the worship service. A copy of the 2025 proposed budget is available for pickup at your convenience in the church parlor area. Please pickup your copy at your convenience. If church services on Sunday, December 1st are cancelled due to inclement weather or lack of quorum, the annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024. If postponed on December 8th, meeting will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024.

The Jacob’s Church Board proposes to shift \$2,500.00 of the Missions Budget from two Missions listed on the Budget to other Missions listed.



Please plan on attending the annual congregational meeting.  
Your vote is needed!

AGENDA
Review and approval of the 2025 Church Budget
Adjustment of the 2024 Missions Budget
Election of Church Board Members
One Deacon and One Elder

# ◆ Jacob's Church Board Meeting Minutes ◆

## October 7, 2024

Present: Pastor Stan Newton, Elder Mike Follweiler, Elder Dave Zoghby, Absent Mike Madtes  
Deacons: Mike Bailey, Tom Foulk, Kayla Fusselman, Kaitey Sacks, Diane Wertman, Absent Ed Sawyer  
Treasurer: Kelly Mease Visitors: Linda Besch, Karen Moyer, Jen Mease

1. Pastor Stan opened with devotion from Proverbs 13:16 on wisdom and prayer.
2. Visitors from Mission Crafters with a presentation of their ministry and vision for future projects working with the various ministries in the church. A motion was made by Mike Follweiler to fund their expenses for the remainder of 2024. 2nd by Kayla. Motion carried.  
A closer look at how Missions Crafters can be assisting with other ministries in the church was discussed. A determination of 2025 funding amount will be made at the October Budget meeting.
3. The September Treasurer Report was reviewed and a motion to accept the report was given by Kayla and seconded by Mike Bailey. Motion Carried.

Total Income for September.	\$51,292.43
Total Expense for September	\$37,554.54
Net Profit (Loss)	\$13,736.89
Less Restricted Income.	\$17,743.67
Add restrictive Income	0.00
Net Unrestricted profit/(Loss)	(\$4006.78)

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

4. Minutes for the September Board Meeting were reviewed for accuracy. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kayla and seconded by Kaitey. Motion carried.

### **OLD Business**

5. Missions Outreach Committee members Diane Wertman, Mike Bailey and Jen Mease proposed several missions to be relocated from the oversight of mission outreach committee to the general church budget; also, recommendations made for several missions to no longer be supported. A new budget amount of \$22,500 is being requested to fund the remaining missions for 2025. A motion was made to accept proposed changes and a tentative budget of \$22,500 (pending October Budget Meeting) for 2025 by Kaitey and seconded by Kayla. Motion Carried.

In addition, the monies previously designated in the 2024 budget for the missions that will no longer be supported by the church will be brought to a vote at the annual congregational meeting for the purpose of not paying out the 2024 support (\$2500.00) but instead be divided among the remaining missions under Mission Outreach; A motion was made by Kayla and seconded by Mike Follweiler. Motion carried.

The missions that will be relocated to the oversight of the General Church Budget will be labeled Diaconal Outreach.

6. New Members Class- The class has completed. Members of this class now will meet with the elders to share their profession of faith. These people are Beverly and Mitch Hosler, Brian Mease and Donna and Paul Richardson.

Confirmation Class- Currently we have 8 young people in the Catechetical Class that meet Sunday Mornings at 9 am.

#### Finance Committee:

7. Budget Meeting will be held October 27th after the Sunday Church Service.

Envelope Mailing List- Based on the letter that went out to all members, we now have only 170 offering envelopes to be mailed each month. The reduction in mailings is seeing a cost savings of approximately \$100/month. Any questions or inquires can be directed to the church secretary Faye Foulk.

#### 8. Property Committee

Machemer Construction Company was consulted to repair church tower leaks.

No update on Fox Property discussions. Wuchter House still in process of being repaired and painted.

9. Christian Education Committee- Children's church attendance is low. Teachers are still available for both age groups but sometimes because of poor attendance classes are combined.

10. Children's Ministry- Kayla is planning for the next event on October 20th. New children are attending and so far, there are 9 children signed up. There are also plans to hand out activity books at the Oyster Supper and plans for a crafting activity for all the children that attend the Thanksgiving Meal in November.

11. Youth Minister Update- Will Dellicker is returning to the states in October. He will be speaking at the Annual Lehigh Valley Prayer Breakfast November 14. A signup sheet is available for people who want to attend, and support Will. He will also give the church sermon on November 17th.

12. Music Committee/Worship Team- Music selections have been planned through and to the remainder of the year. A position was posted for a keyboard player for the worship team. Jared Hermany planning to organize a demonstration of new speakers for sound system.

13. Special Events- are planned to the end of the year: Ladies Night Out, Adult Retreat, Oyster Supper, and Thanksgiving Family Meal.

14. Cemetery Association – Tom Foulk reports that there have been more cremations than graves dug for burial which keep the overall expenses lower than previously.

#### New Business

15. Annual Congregational Meeting Plans- A date was set for December 1 with a date of December 8 in case of inclement weather was established. Notification of meeting will be sent out in the mail to members as well as posted in November newsletter and church bulletins. Mike Madtes and Ed Sawyer will complete their terms of service this year. Elders have considered Ron Belknap and Solomon Johri to join church board for next year pending congregational vote.

Next Elder's Meeting 10/14/2024

Next Board Meeting 11/04/2024

A motion was made by Mike Bailey to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Kayla. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer- Pastor Stan Newton

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Wertman, Church Board Secretary

**Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, December 2, 2024.**

**Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, December 9, 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 October 2024:

October 6	\$7,003.90
October 13	\$5,040.90
October 20	\$7,636.90
October 27	\$3,793.90

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-October	\$230,093.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-October	\$248,201.60
Surplus for October 2024	\$ 18,108.60

### Online Giving!

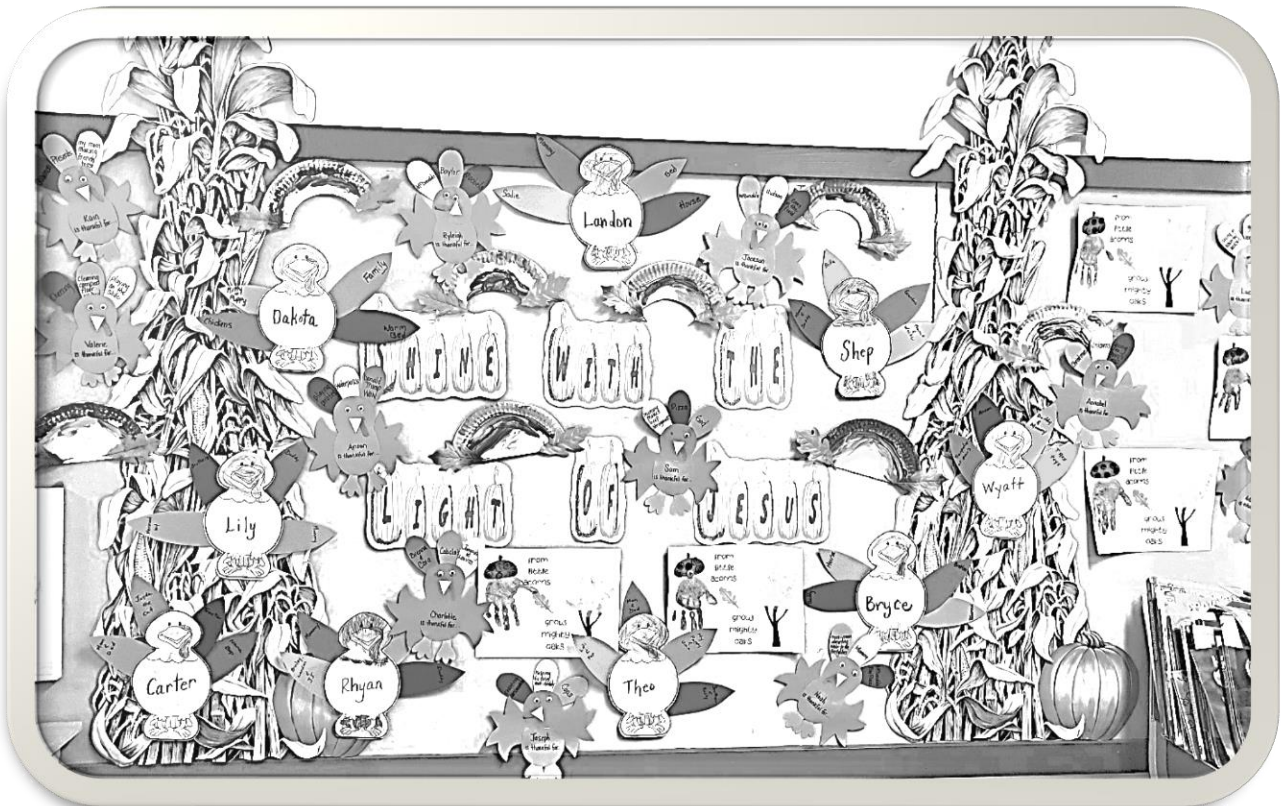
Jacob's Church offers the option to give securely online. You can opt to give by ACH or credit card on a one time or recurring basis.

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.

**Jacob's Church Closing Announcement** due to inclement weather can be found: On our website, [jacobschurch.org](https://jacobschurch.org), on Facebook, and broadcasted on WFMTV CHANNEL 69 NEWS STORM CENTER. If you prefer, please do not hesitate to call, email or text Church Secretary, Faye Foulk at 610.751.5742, [secretary@jacobschurch.org](mailto:secretary@jacobschurch.org)



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

## Flowers for December

December 1	Jacob's Church Altar Committee
December 8	In memory of Fred Peter Bowman (1910-1966) ~ Bowman sisters
December 15	Happy 29th Birthday, Mayson! ~ Grandparents, Tom and Faye Foulk
December 22	Jacob's Church Altar Committee
December 24	Poinsettias sponsored by the Jacob's Church Congregation
December 29	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 chart is posted in the east vestibule on the Church Bulletin Board. Sign Up Today!

Any questions contact Pam Zoghby  
(610.298.3002)

## December Advent/Scripture Readers

December 1	Solomon and Ginger Johri
December 8	Mitch and Bev Hosler
December 15	Dick and Joan Oswald
December 22	Michael Kelly
December 29	TBA

## December Greeters/Ushers

December 1	Jacob's Church Board
December 8	Jacob's Church Confirmation Class
December 15	Faye Billig and Robert Nester Jim and Rose Moyer
December 22	Ronald and Bonnie Belknap Bill and Trudie Dellicker
December 24	Jacob's Church Board
December 29	Brian Mease and Jen Mease Jim Moyer and Kelly Mease
<b>Sunday Morning Greeters arrive by 9:45am</b>	
<b>Christmas Eve Greeters arrive by 5:15pm</b>	

## Puppet Ministry

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

Rose Moyer and Joan Oswald

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

Kayla Fusselman and Rose Moyer

## December Bulletin

### Sponsor

**Michael & Vikki Stoss**

## December Acolytes

**Ryan Ebeling and  
Aria Hermany**



## ◆Membership News◆

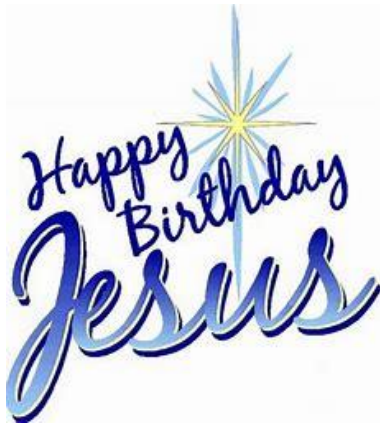
### ✝ Celebrating with...

*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 December Wedding Anniversaries:

*Richard and Helen Follweiler  
Daryl and Melissa Gordon  
Reid and Betty Kent  
Lawrence and Hilary Kish  
Steve and Teresa Riegel  
Matthew and Eden Sloskey*



### ✝Birth...

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

Congratulations to Daniel and Alessandra Van Parys! Their bundle of joy, Augustine Antonio Van Parys was born on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, weighing seven pounds, two ounces and nineteen-five inches long. Big brother, Felix Michael Van Parys, is anxiously waiting to teach Augustine new things! The proud paternal grandparents are Alan and Tammy Van Parys! Congratulations Daniel and Alessandra from your Jacob's Church Family.



## † Mourning the Loss of...

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away, Revelation 21:4*

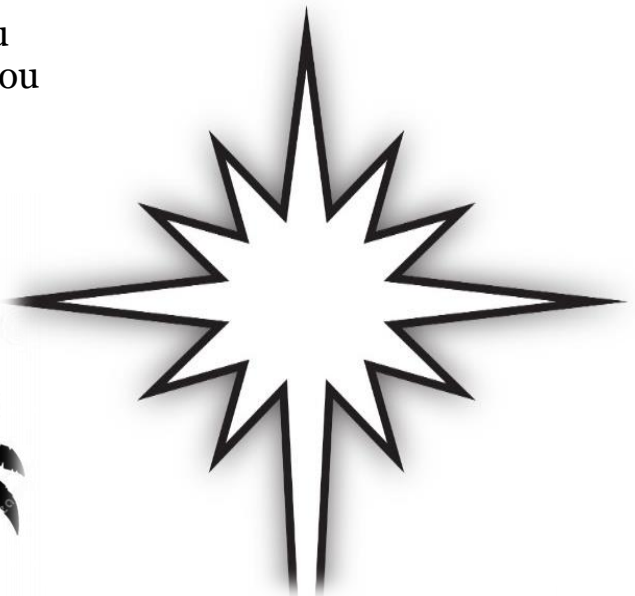
### ***Our Deepest Heartfelt Condolences***

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Konrad M. Rauscher, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at the age of 29-6-12. Konrad was born in DuPage County, IL the son of the Karl F. Rauscher and Laura K. Rigdon. Konrad is also survived by his paternal grandfather, Joseph Rauscher, Sr. Konrad was laid to rest in Jacobs Union Cemetery on Monday, November 11, 2024, near his paternal grandmother, Arline Mary (nee Schnappauf) Rauscher (1932-1997). Please keep the Rauscher family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Condolences.

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

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Michael Stephen Marich, who entered eternal rest on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at the age of 64-1-29. Mike was the son of the late Stephen J. and Carole A. (nee Ruth) Marich. Mike is survived by his wife, Audrey Joy (Deitrich) Marich, sons, Casey J. Hoffman, Benajamin M. Marich (Jennifer Gurdock), Austin T. (Stephanie) Marich, and grandchildren, Penelope and Peyton Marich. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, with interment in Jacobs Union Cemetery, Rev. Stanley C. Newton officiated and Rev. Scott L. Shay, Pastor Emeritus of Jacob's Church assisted. Please keep the Marich family in your prayers at this difficult time. Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to **love** one another. John 13:34



# LOVE



## ◆ Choir Corner by Melinda Kelly ◆

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” is a favorite hymn in many congregations. We will be singing this hymn in December, as well as hearing it in one of the choir’s anthems.

The carol's origins date back to the 15th century with the German devotional poem “Es ist ein Ros entsprungen”. The text is based on Isaiah 11:1 *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*

The melody was set to music in 1599 and is thought to have come from plainchant (a type of Christian liturgical music in which the text is sung to a single line of melody without accompaniment from instruments or other voices). In 1609, Michael Praetorius, a German composer, harmonized the melody.

*This Flower, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us And lightens every load.*

Organ update: The remaining 12 pedal pipes which sustained water damage were removed in April and will be sent out sometime in the beginning of 2025 to be repaired.

From all the members of the choir and myself, we wish you blessings from our precious Lord and Savior this Christmas and every day in the New Year!



# ◆ December Happenings at Jacob's Church ◆



**Holy Communion** will be served on Sunday, December 1, 2024 during the 10:15am worship service. *“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?”*  
*I Corinthians 10:16*

**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, December 5th and Thursday, December 19th.



**Cards Of Encouragement Ministry** ~ “Thinking of you” cards to be sent are in the parlor area, please take the time to sign each card before or after Sunday 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, December 16th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. FMI, please contact Kayla Fusselman (610.844.1567).

**IMPACT** ~ will be held on the first (12/7) Saturday, and on the third (12/21) Saturday of December at 8:00am in the Activity Center. IMPACT Men target their home, work, and community. Breakfast will be served! FMI, please contact Pastor Stan (828.242.5388).

**Mission Crafters** ~ Welcomes Woman of all Ages ~ Friday, December 13, 2024 9:30am ~ 2:00pm in the church basement. Lunch will be served. Please Sign Up in Church Parlor or FMI, please contact Linda Besch (484.707.0877).

# Youth activities

**Kids Night Out!** ~ will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2024 in the Activity Center, 2:00pm ~ 5:00pm. Open to youth K-5th grade. Everyone who is attending needs to complete the Google Form registration online to participate. FMI, please contact Kayla Fusselman at [kemptoncountry@gmail.com](mailto:kemptoncountry@gmail.com) or (610.844.1567)



**Advent Season** is a somber time of personal reflection, hope, longing, and joyful expectation for the coming of Jesus. Please join us each Sunday of Advent as we light the candle of *Hope*, the candle of *Peace*, the candle of *Joy*, the candle of *Love*, **and the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 6:00pm.**

## Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles

Our annual Christmas Eve Service will be held on Tuesday, December 24th at 6:00pm. Invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors to attend this inspiring and uplifting service of carols and candles as we celebrate the birth of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



**SIGN UP!**

**2025 Flower Chart** is ready for you to sign up for Altar Flowers on your special date for the 2025 New Year. The chart is posted in the east vestibule of the church on the Church Bulletin Board. (2) Altar vases will be \$30.00; (1) Floral stand will be \$20.00; the budvase and bulletins are \$5.00. FMI contact Pam Zoghby (610.298.3002).

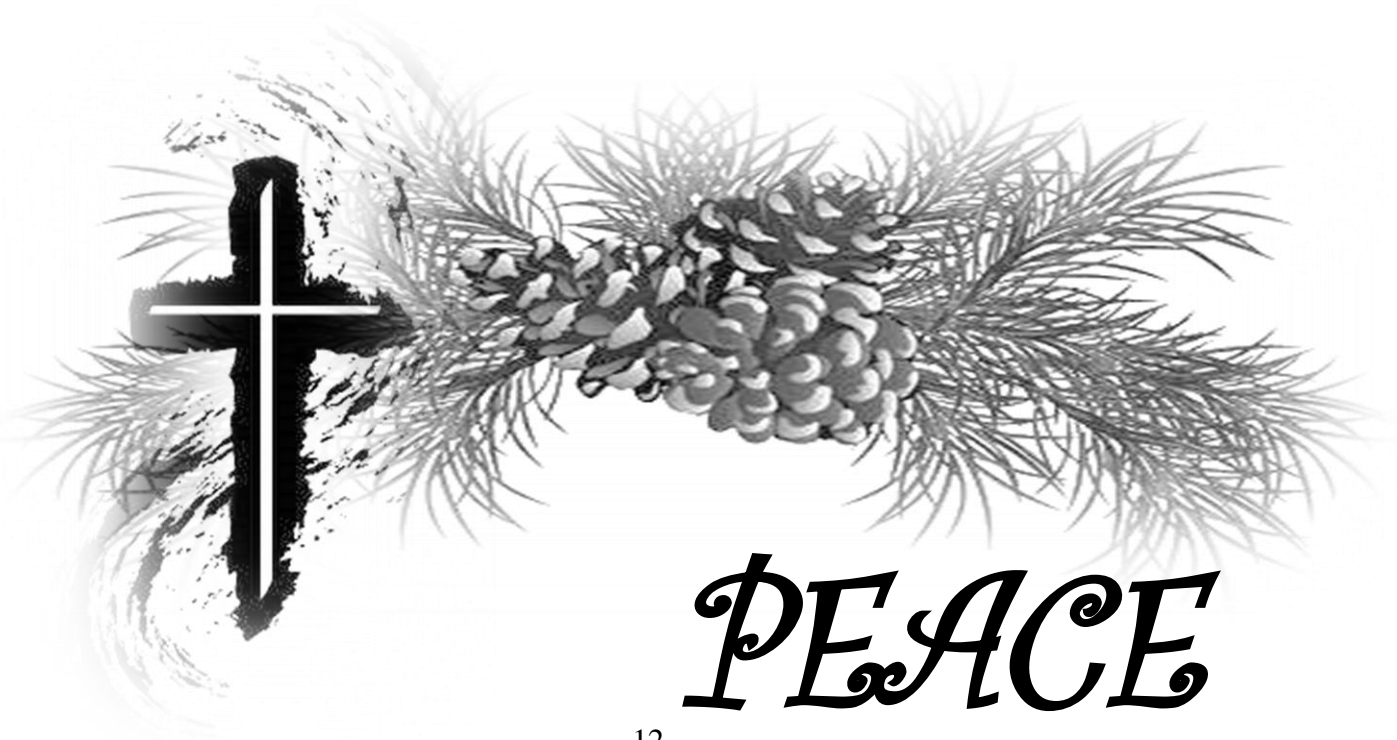
**Allentown Rescue Mission  
Needs YOU!  
Hosting a Food and Supplies Drive**

You can help feed men experiencing homelessness throughout the Holiday Season and upcoming year! Below is a list of items they need, please consider helping.

Drop off items in the tote provided in the church east lobby of the church.

Collecting items to the end of the year. Thank you!

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| ◆Grocery Store Gift Cards  | ◆Breakfast Cereal        |
| ◆Powdered Juice Mix        | ◆Granola and Cereal Bars |
| ◆Pasta Sauce               | ◆Canned Fruit            |
| ◆Salad Dressing            | ◆Coffee                  |
| ◆Low Sodium Canned Veggies | ◆Bottled Water           |
| ◆Toilet Paper              | ◆Paper Towels            |
| ◆Trash Bags                | ◆All-Purpose Cleaner     |
| ◆Laundry Detergent         | ◆Pine-Sol                |
| ◆Men's Deodorant           | ◆Men's Body Wash         |
| ◆Window Cleaner            | ◆Liquid Bleach           |





# ◆ 2024 Oyster Supper! ◆



Ron Smith



Ron Belknap, Pastor Stan



Carla Newton & Vikki Stoss



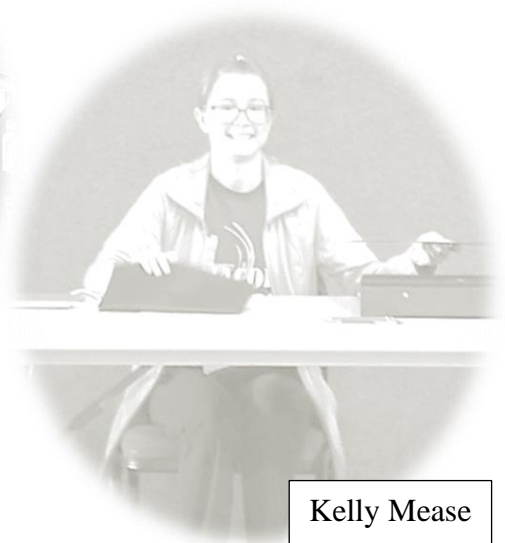
Perry and Liz Long



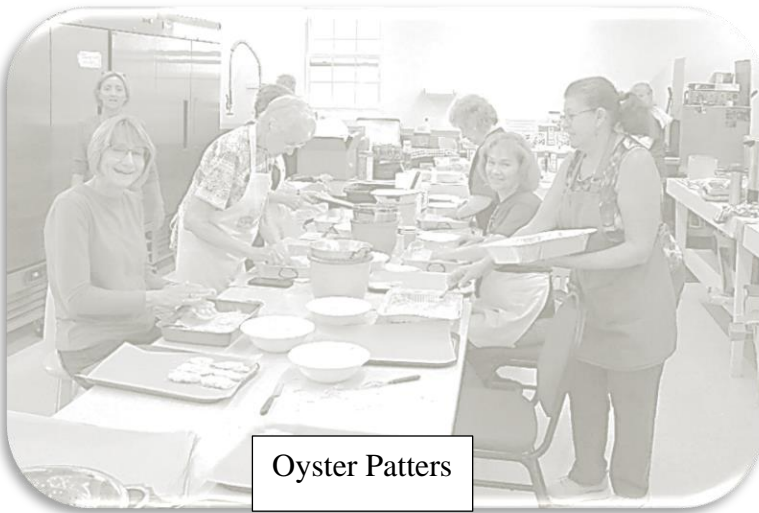
Monica Rodriguez



Michael Kelly



Kelly Mease



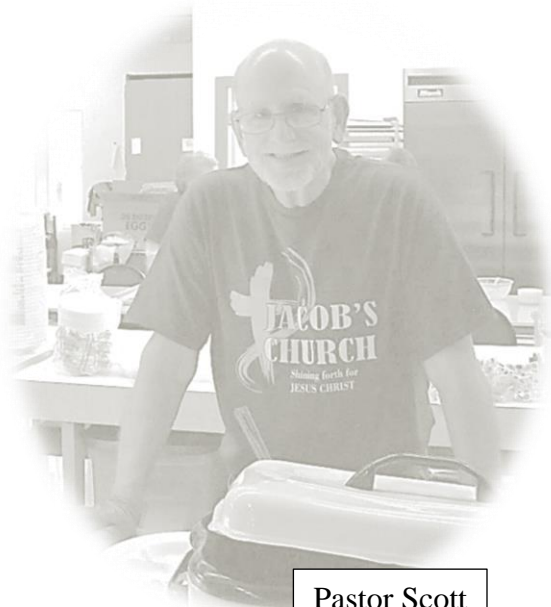
Oyster Patters



Kaitey Sacks & Kayla Fusselman



Bruce Dietrich



Pastor Scott



Donna Shay, Corinne Bast, Faye Billig



Jared Silva





## 2024 Christmas Card Exchange

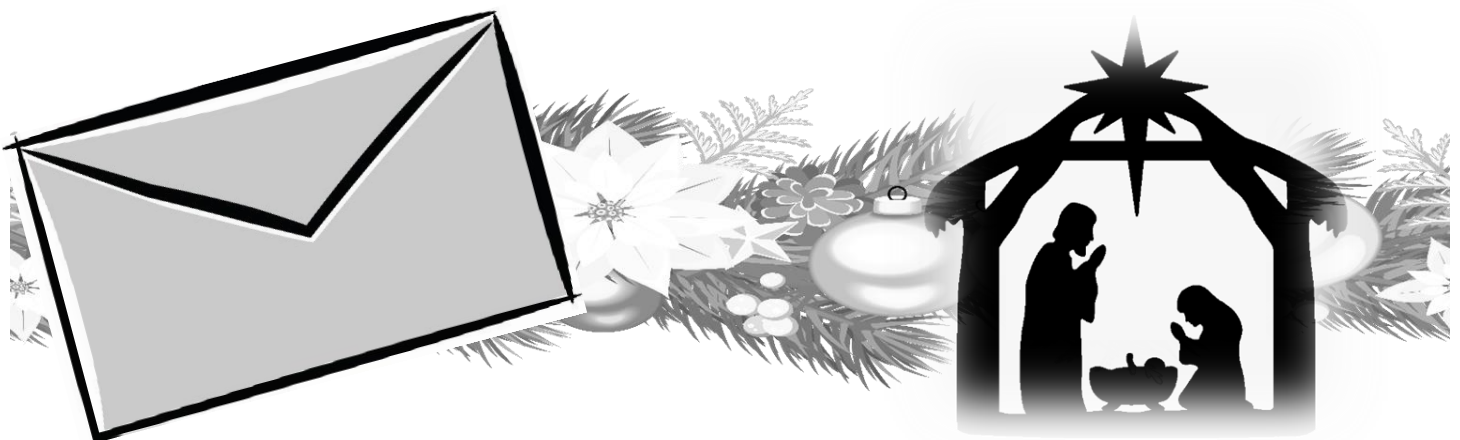
Jacob's Church Christmas Card Exchange is ongoing, ending Sunday, December 22, 2024. Mailboxes are set up in the Church West Vestibule. This is an excellent way of saving postage for the cards you would send to your friends, neighbors, and relatives in the Jacob's Church Family

Please take note to the following:

1. When addressing your envelopes, please also put ***your name on the top left-hand side*** of the envelope. This will be one way we can be sure that all the cards will be delivered in time for Christmas.
2. ***Please put all your envelopes in alphabetical order by last name.*** This will make it easier to sort the envelopes faster.
3. Also, when leaving worship service, please stop, and ***check the table in the church parlor area (see note below)*** for any cards that were not delivered earlier.

FYI...After the cards are sorted, they will be distributed to the congregation before worship starts at 10:15am. If the cards, are not distributed before worship, please after the worship, check the table in the church parlor area for any cards that are addressed to you and your neighbors.

Thank you so much for your help in making  
***"Christmas Card Exchange"*** so successful!



# ◆ Jacob's Church Little Lambs Preschool ◆



We have had a wonderful month in preschool giving thanks to the Lord for all the many blessings he has given us. It is so beautiful to hear from the hearts of children the things they are thankful for and to see their acknowledgment that all these come from the Lord!!! It has been so wonderful to have all this especially warm weather this fall to enjoy extra outdoor activities with the children as well!! We will begin December preparing our hearts for the coming of our Lord on Christmas Day! Our annual Christmas program will be on Dec. 17th at 6:00pm



**2024-2025**

## **Little Lamb Important Dates**

Tuesday, December 17th  
6:00pm Christmas Program

Thursday, December 19th  
Christmas Party  
(last day before break)

Tuesday, January 7th  
Return from Christmas break



◆ In Our Community ◆



NWL 2024 Christ-mas  
Tree Lighting Ceremony  
at Ontelaunee Park  
Sunday, December 1st  
4:30pm ~ 7:00pm



## *Little Shopper's Village*

*At the Weisenberg-Lowhill Township Historical Society  
4585 Werleys Corner Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066  
Create Holiday Memories for Children*



On Christmas Morning They Will Be So Proud  
To Give Their Personally Selected Gifts To Everyone...  
Around the Christmas Tree. All Items \$1 to \$4 Each.  
Toys, books, jewelry, holiday décor to vintage items...  
something for every interest and children of all ages.

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 PM  
Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 2:00 PM

Our elves will assist each child and gift package their unique selections...almost  
*as cozy as shopping from the comfort of home!* Society Store will also be open.  
*(All proceeds benefit children's activities at WLTHS)*

### **Start your day with a hardy breakfast...**

Lynnport Community Fire Co.

7164 Behler Road New Tripoli, PA

All You Can Eat Breakfast

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00am ~ 12:30pm

Adults ~ \$10.00

Children (6-12yrs old) ~ \$7.00

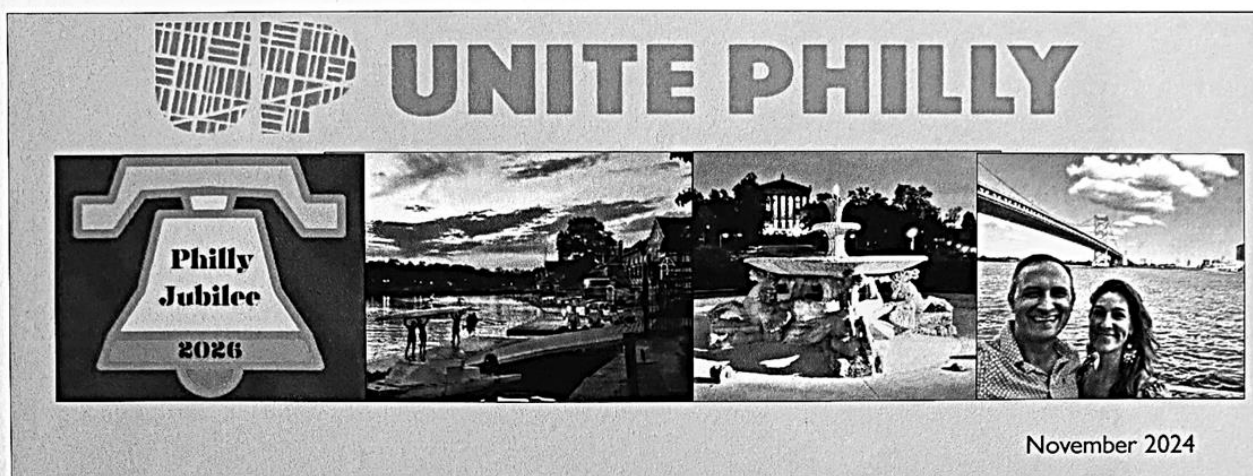
Children (2-5yrs old) ~ \$5.00

Under 2yrs old ~ Free

Take Out Orders ~ \$13.00



# ◆ Missions ◆



## Philly Jubilee

One recent evening, I (Dave) took a prayer walk. Things at the Woodland ministry center have reached a nice plateau and I now have a bit of margin to add something new. The prayer time didn't lead to any great insight, but in the middle of the night a fully formed concept came to me. I committed it to memory, then went back to sleep. Some background first.

On the side of the Liberty Bell is inscribed "Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all the inhabitants thereof." It comes from Leviticus 25 which describes the Year of Jubilee. Every 50 years, Israel is commanded to cease work, cancel debts, and remember the freedom God provides to his people.

In Philadelphia, we also have a huge party every 50 years to celebrate our founding. As city and national leaders plan for our 250th birthday in 2026, what role should the Church play?

As we see in the Year of Jubilee and the Liberty Bell's inscription, uplifting the oppressed is also a point of agreement between our faith and our culture. The ministry concept that came to me I am tentatively calling **Philly Jubilee**. Which will ask churches to commit to 3 actions:

- Teach on the Year of Jubilee in the time leading up to our nation's birthday.
- Invite a pastor from another culture or tradition to speak on oppression and liberty. We gain a greater understanding of oppression and liberty as we listen to those with various experiences.
- Choose a faith stretching cause as an individual church that advances liberty. These could include raising funds to cancel medical debt or helping returning citizens find housing and employment.

At an event a couple weeks ago, I pulled aside a trusted pastor to ask him if Philly Jubilee is a good idea and he not only affirmed the concept, but let me know that a few Christian leaders gathered to pray the day before to prepare for the 250th celebration! They would like to include this idea to be part of what they consider for their efforts.

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## ◆ Thank You! ◆

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



A special thank you to the CLIU #21 students and job coaches for a job well done. This group assists with the altar committee each week, by checking the altar candles, updating the hymn selection, and taking care of the puppet stage. They also folded the Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes, and delivered the Harvest Home Foods to the Lowhill Food Bank.  
A BIG THANK YOU!

Jacob's Church,  
Thank you so much for your gifts over the past seventeen years, allowing us to assist over four million of our persecuted brothers and sisters. We are grateful for your partnership as we advance the gospel in the most challenging places. Your kindness not only meets needs, it increases their faith!  
May your joy be complete, Voice of the Martyrs



Thank you to the Kitchen Committee, Ron Smith, and all the helpers that made the Oyster Supper night successful. It is a big commitment each year, but you get it done! Without you, we would not have an Oyster Supper! Thank you all!

A Big Shout Out to Ginger and Solomon Johri for taking the time to make Christmas Child Operation successful!

Jacob's Church,  
Thank you all! YOU donated 329 pounds of food to the Lowhill Food Bank to supply our neighbors. The IU students and job coaches delivered these items and also made a food donation. Thank you too ALL!

Jacob's Church,  
We praise God for you and your willingness to share LC Medical and Support Services with your church congregation! As a church partner with LC Medical, you are a messenger of the gospel, offering hope to many. Because of your partnership, children are given life, families are created and hearts are healed. And families are coming into relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Praise God! With your support, we raised over \$120,000 at this year's Life, Liberty, Happiness Banquet! Your contribution is an answer to prayer and allows us to keep spreading a message of life and love and hope to the women and men who come to us for services.  
God bless you as you continue to serve, LC Medical and Support



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

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

November 24, 2024

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

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

Stephen Ministers held their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 7th and Thursday, November 21st.

Jacob's Church Board meeting was held on Monday, November 4th in the church basement. Missions Committee held a meeting on Friday, November 15th.

Kids Night Out was held on Sunday, November 24th. Mission Crafters for women of all ages was held on Friday, November 15th in church basement.

Private celebrations were held on Saturday, November 9th, 23rd, 30th, and Sunday, November 10th. A private celebration was also held in the church parlor area on Saturday, November 9th. The Boy Scouts from Pack 588 held a camp-out in the Activity Center, sleeping over and playing games on Saturday, November 16th through Sunday, November 17th. The group also had a shoot around on Tuesday, November 5th. The local Lifeline Association had a health screening on Saturday, November 16th. The 4H organization held a meeting on Friday, November 8th, set up on Thursday, November 7th.

Kutztown Twirlers practiced on Friday, November 1st, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 5:00pm ~ 9:00pm in the gym. On Friday, November 8th they held a practice in the church.. NWL Twirlers practiced on Monday, November 4th, 11th and 25th, 4:30pm ~ 9:00pm.

Abiding Arrow Home School held their sessions on Wednesday, November 6th, 13th, and 20th, 1:00pm ~ 4:00pm. The group also had a time of prayer on Wednesday, November 13th, 11:00am ~ 12:30pm. Harvest Home School did not use the center this month due to illness within the group. NWL-FCA held meetings on Wednesday, November 6th, 13th, and 20th. The group also had their Thanksgiving gathering on Tuesday, November 26th.

The annual Oyster Supper held on Saturday, November 2nd was well attended! We served approximately 500 meals! Thank you to all who made this event happen. Thanksgiving Potluck lunch was held on Sunday, November 24th. Thank you for all the tasty side dishes!

God Bless You,  
Faye M Smith Foulk







Northwestern Lehigh Girls ~ Lady Tigers  
Coaches Jordan Smith and Isaiah Danner



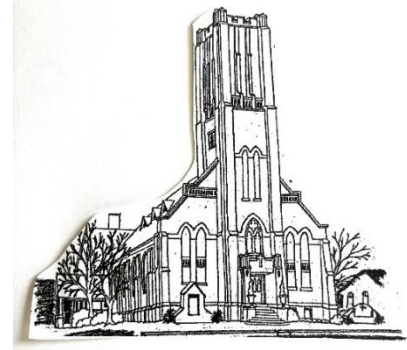
Northwestern Lehigh Boys ~ Tigers

# December

# 2024

## Scheduled Church Activities

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, good will  
toward men. Luke 2:14*



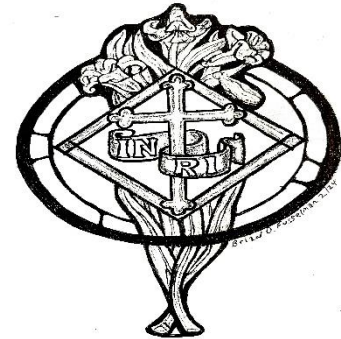
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 SS 9:00 Catechism Class 10:15am Worship/Communion Annual Congregational Meeting	2 Church Board meeting 7pm Church Basement	3 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am	4 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am 6pm Praise Team 7pm Bible Study/Prayer	5 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	6	7
8 9:00 SS 9:00 Catechism Class 10:15am Worship	9 Elders 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 Mission Crafters 9:30-2:00m basement	14
15 9:00 SS 9:00 Catechism Class 10:15am Worship	16	17 Little Lambs Preschool 9:00am-11:30am & Christmas Program 6:00pm	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 Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm	25 Merry Christ-mas!	26	27	28
29 9:00 SS 10:15am Worship	30	31				

# December

# 2024

## Scheduled Activity Center Activities

For to us a child is born, to us a son is  
given, and the government will be on his  
shoulders. And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Kids Night Out! 2:00-5:30pm	2 Twirlers 4:30- 9:00pm	3 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am	4 Abiding Arrows Co- op 1:00am-4:00pm FCA 6-7pm	5 Stephen Ministers 9:30am-12:00pm	6 Missions 12- 2pm Twirlers 5:00- 9:00pm	7 IMPACT 8:30am Private Celebration
8 SS 9:00am Private Celebration 1:00pm	9	10 Sisters of Esther 9:30-11:30am BB 5:30pm- 8:30pm	11 B. S./Abiding Arrows Co-op 11:00am-1:30pm FCA 6-7pm BB 7-9pm	12 BB 5:30pm-8:30pm	13 Twirlers 5:00- 9:00pm	14 Private Celebration
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