

St. Jacob's UCC
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the Journey



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Sunday School 9:30AM — Coffee/Tea Time 10:00 to 10:20AM — Worship Service 10:30AM

From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Greetings to all

How is Lent going for you? Did you find extra time for prayer and worship? What about new opportunities to help the neighbor? And especially — getting ready for Easter.

However, if you jump from Palm Sunday to Easter you don't understand Easter. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. Jesus teaches at the temple until Thursday. That night he celebrates Passover in the upper room with his friends, family and disciples. It is the first Holy Communion.

Jesus & the disciples leave to pray in the garden. There Jesus is arrested and put on trial—found guilty.

It's Good Friday afternoon. Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies there. He's buried in a borrowed tomb.

By skipping the above —you can't comprehend nor appreciate Easter. Easter is paid for by the death of the innocent son of God—Jesus. Crucifixion is a horrible way to die. Yet, if we refuse to deal with it—Easter—well—Easter will be rather empty for you—just like reading the first and last chapters of a book.

Therefore, I encourage you to attend the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Allow your faith to grow by experiencing Jesus life and passion.

Shalom,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President



For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Guideposts

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

Spring is in the air and I am sure you are just as excited as I am to embrace the sunshine, warm breezes and the new growth all around us. This is the season of new growth we as a church family should be looking for new ways to grow within our faith and our community. There are some exciting things coming up in April our FANTASTIC Dutch Dinner is on the 6th and the ladies in our kitchen are wonderful cooks and the food they create is Delicious. We have an Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters that is always exciting. We also have Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services that are coming up check our bulletin and sign for times for those services we would love to see you there. Our Easter morning breakfast will be held at our sister church St. Jacobs Lutheran at 8am all are welcome to join in a delicious meal. Our ELC are selling flowers to plant and veggies to begin your garden forms are in the lobby but if you miss the due date no worries there will be extras for you to purchase and begin your garden. We also will be hosting the Spring Grove Jazz Band on April 28th at 7pm snacks will be provided this is sure to be a wonderful evening with some great music. As always we are a very energetic group always doing and looking for ways to do more others take a moment and invite others to join.

Remember all are welcome

Sincerely,

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

February 2019 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

The chart below shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the two months of 2019.

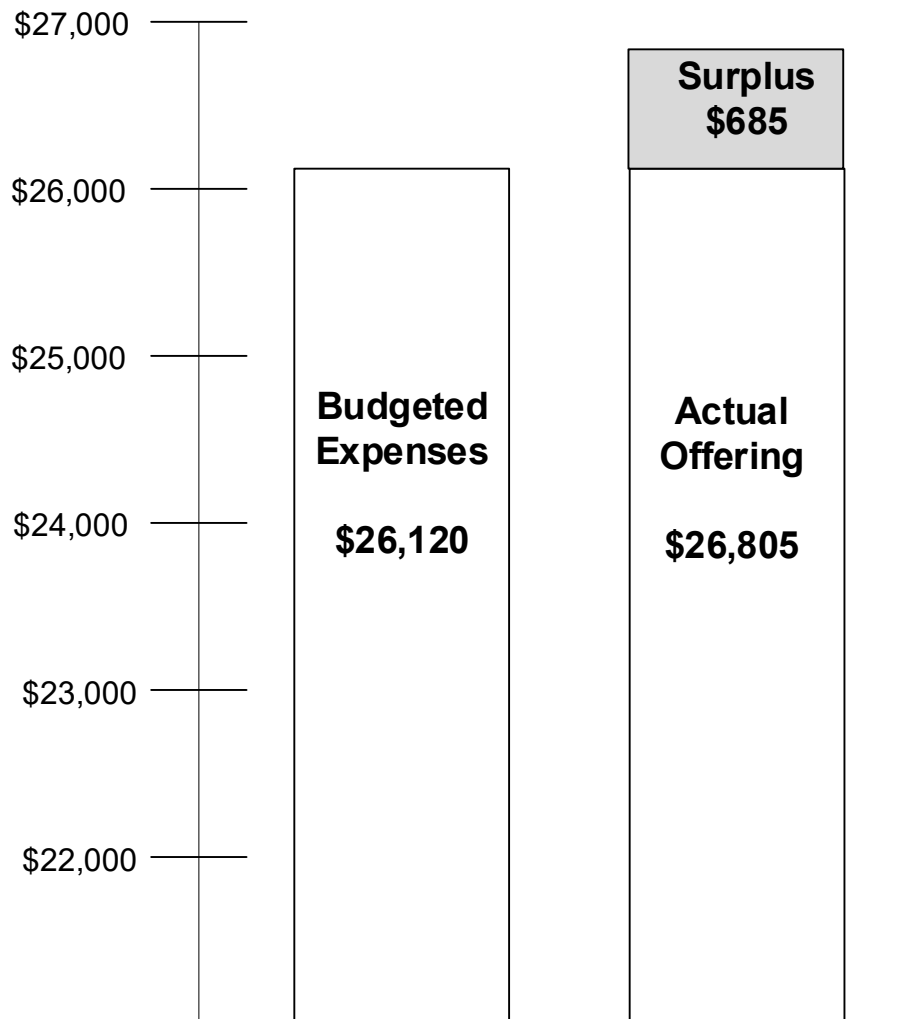
The numbers through the end of February showed a combined surplus in the General and Building Funds of \$685 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings.

The Early Learning Center made it's shared expense payments of \$700 per week, which helped maintain a balance between overall cash receipts and cash disbursements.

In the month of February we did not have to take anything from our building savings account to meet expenses.

Budget Numbers for February 2019

**Covers 8 Sundays
Combined General and Building Funds**



Wood Carver Of The Year

Congratulations! **Fred Henderson**, St. Jacob's resident wood carver, last week at the Woodcarvers show at Millersville, received Lancaster County Wood Carver Club's wood carver of the year award for 2019. Fred is very humble about his talent, but is very proud to show and share it. And we here at St. Jacob's are very proud of his work also.



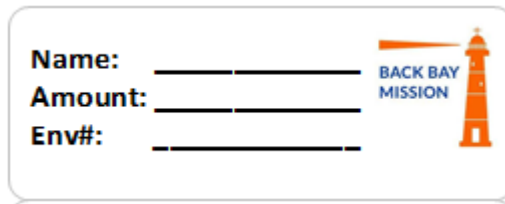
Back Bay Mission Trip News

We currently have 11 people signed up for our trip in September 2020, with slots remaining for 8 more.

One change we have decided for this trip is that each person going contribute \$500 toward the cost of the trip in addition to help they will be giving with fundraisers. This amount will cover the work camp fee for each person and help cover the other expenses for the trip.

Several people who will be making the trip have asked about starting to give money toward their portion of the expenses. (We are 17 months away so giving \$30 a month would cover the \$500).

Starting this month brown envelopes will be available in the office with the following sticker to easily designate them as being for the Back Bay Mission Trip:



Name: _____
Amount: _____
Env#: _____

BACK BAY MISSION

Also, anyone who wishes to give any donations toward the trip can use these envelopes.

Thank you
Back Bay Mission Team

HOUSING RECOVERY STORY

While working in a certain neighborhood, a few years ago, we noticed a fellow named Marty often sitting on his porch shucking oysters. Little did we know that Marty and his wife Marlene would become clients themselves. They approached us for help to repair their floors. When we went in for an inspection, we learned Marty has various health concerns that limits his mobility and his ability to do other things. He shucks oysters to supplement their limited household income. Marty and Marlene live in a raised home and after Hurricane Katrina they had to rebuild. The contractor they used put down oriented strand board (OSB) for the subfloor with no vapor barrier. Because there was no vapor barrier between the soil and the particle board subfloor, the OSB rotted from the bottom up. This resulted in soft spots in various places. In the bedroom, the bed fell right through the soft floor. They had pieces of plywood in strategic locations to make sure they didn't fall through. Not only did they qualify for the Rehabilitation Program we determined they were also eligible for the EnergyWise Weatherization grant program. We were able to move forward on fixing their floors and get assistance for energy efficiency improvements.

Staff and many volunteers of Back Bay Mission replaced all the subfloor and some floor joist that were found to be rotten. We then painted the whole interior to freshen things up and laid new vinyl plank flooring. Part of the EnergyWise Weatherization grant enabled us to spray closed cell polyurethane foam insulation on the bottom of the new subfloor. This will provide a vapor barrier that should preclude a recurrence or their earlier subfloor rot problem. Plus, the insulation below the floor will improve energy efficiency and make their home more comfortable.

Last time Benji saw Marty they were so thankful for all the work that was done to improve their living situation. They were excited to add they were getting ready to attend the Saints-Steelers game in New Orleans. Marty has been a long time Steelers fan but had never seen a game. Someone gifted them a pair of tickets to make his dream of seeing his favorite team in action come true.

Lenten Calendar

<u>SUNDAY</u>	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Ash Wednesday March 6 My Sin Is Before Me. God will not despise a broken and contrite heart. Ps.51:3-8, 12-14, 17	March 7 Take Up Your Cross. Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus. Lk. 9:22-25	March 8 Help Those In Need. Feed the hungry, shelter and clothe the poor. Is.58:1-9	March 9 Called to Repent. Jesus came to call sinners to repentance. Lk. 5:27-32
March 10 The Word Is Near You. All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Rom 10:8-13	March 11 The Lord is Holy. You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy. Lk 19:1-2, 11-18	March 12 The Word Sent Forth. The Word of God will accomplish his purpose. Is. 55:10-11	March 13 The Sign of Jonah. Behold, something greater than Jonah is here. Lk 11:29-32	March 14 Ask, Seek, Knock. Ask, and it will be given to you, seek and you will find. Mt. 7:7-12	March 15 Lord, Hear My Voice. With the Lord there is steadfast love and redemption. Ps. 1:30:1-8	March 16 Love Your Enemies. Love your enemies; pray for those persecute you. Mt. 5:43-48
March 17 Number the Stars. The Lord made a covenant with Abraham. Gn. 15:5-12, 17-18	March 18 Forgive Others. Be merciful, as your heavenly Father is merciful. Lk. 6:36-38	March 19 Hope in the Promise. Faith in Christ Jesus is counted as righteousness. Rom. 4:11, 16-18, 22	March 20 To Give His Life. The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom. Mt. 20:17-28	March 21 By Streams of Water. Blessed is the man who delights in the law of the Lord. Ps. 1:1-4, 6	March 22 The Stone Rejected. The stone rejected by the builders is the cornerstone. Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46	March 23 Lost and Found. Celebrate, for my son who was lost has been found. Lk. 15:1-3, 11-31
March 24 Peace with God. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8	March 25 Call His Name Jesus. The child to be born will be holy, the Son of God. Lk 1:26-38	March 26 Forgive Your Brother. Forgive others as you have been forgiven by God. Mt. 18:21-35	March 27 The Lord God is Near. The Lord our God is near to us when we call on him. Dt. 4:1, 5-9	March 28 By the Finger of God. The kingdom of God has come upon you. Lk. 11:14-23	March 29 Walk in His Ways. Return to the Lord and dwell in His shadow. Hos. 14:2-10	March 30 On the Third Day. God will raise us on the third day to live before him. Hos. 6:1-7
March 31 Walk in the Light. You are light in the Lord; walk as children of the light. Eph. 5:8-14	April 1 No More Weeping. God will create a new heaven and new earth. Is. 65:17-21	April 2 God Is Our refuge. Come and Behold the works of the Lord. Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9	April 3 Honor the Son. The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and live. Jn. 5:17-30	April 4 Believe the Word. The Scriptures bear witness to Jesus, the Son of God. Jn. 5:31-47	April 5 This is the Christ. No one arrested Jesus; his hour had not yet come. Jn. 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	April 6 Like a Lamb. Jesus was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. Jer. 11:18-20
April 7 Risen to Life. I am the resurrection and the life; believe in me. Jn. 11:1-45	April 8 I will Fear No Evil. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Ps. 23:1-6	April 9 The Son Lifted Up. Lift up the Son of Man and know that I am he. Jn 8:21-30	April 10 The Truth Frees You. The Son will set you free and you will be free indeed. Jn. 8:31-42	April 11 Father of Nations. I will make my covenant between me and you. Gn. 17:3-9	April 12 Jesus is God's Son. Jesus' enemies seek to arrest him for blasphemy. Jn. 10:31-42	April 13 A Covenant of Peace. God will make an everlasting covenant with his People. Ez. 37:21-28
April 14 Palm Sunday Humble Lord. Jesus was obedient to the point of death on a cross. Phil. 2:6-11.	April 15 Anointed for Burial. Mary anoints Jesus for the day of his burial. Jn. 12:1-11	April 16 One Will Betray Him. Now God will be glorified in the Son of Man. Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38	April 17 With the Twelve. Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples. Mt. 26:14-25	April 18 Maundy Thursday My Body, My Blood This cup is the new covenant in Jesus' blood. 1 Cor. 11:23-26	April 19 Good Friday Jesus is Crucified He said, "It is finished." and gave up his spirit. Jn. 18:1, 19-42	April 20 Buried in Baptism Buried with Jesus in baptism and raised to new life. Rom. 6:3-11
April 21 EASTER SUNDAY Christ is Risen. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Mt. 28:1-10						



PA Dutch Dinner

The P.A. Dutch Dinner will be on Saturday April 6. Serving time will be from 4 p.m. -6 p.m. Adult tickets cost \$13.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Children 6-12 cost \$6.50 in advance and \$7.50 at the door. Children 5 and under FREE! The meal includes all you can eat pot pie, hog maw, snitz and knepp, roll, apple sauce, coleslaw, and your choice of dessert. Tickets are now on sale.

We are looking for people to donate desserts for the P.A. Dutch Dinner and there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Easter Candy Sale

We will be doing an Easter Candy Sale to benefit the Building Fund. Please fill out an order form sitting outside the sanctuary and return it to Ashley or Kim Criswell by April 7th the orders will be ready for pick up at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 13th we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt starting at 11:00 a.m. The event includes a special visit from the Easter Bunny and snack that includes hot dogs, chips and punch! You will have a hopping good time filled with eggcitement!

Fellowship Meal

We will be holding a meal for Maundy Thursday on April 18th at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Please come join us for good food, fun and fellowship!

Spring Grove Jazz Band

The jazz band at Spring Grove High School will be coming out to perform for us on April 28th at 7pm. Come enjoy a night of good music and fellowship.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting April 30th at the church at 10am. Dime Bingo Day!

Strawberry Social—June 2nd

Mark your calendars for the Strawberry Social on Sunday, June 2nd at 6:00 pm. Come out and enjoy fresh strawberries with shortcake, ice cream, and fellowship. Yum!!! During the social we will be setting off the lanterns that we postponed from the fall. If you haven't purchased a lantern yet see Kim or Ashley Criswell!

Cemetery Spring Cleaning

Please have everything you want to keep off of cemetery grounds by April 12th 2019.

Services

Maundy Thursday - Light Meal and communion. Please join us for great fellowship and a time of sharing

Good Friday - April 19th at 7pm - Stations of the cross at St. Jacob's Lutheran/ Readers needed— please contact Pastor Rick.

Easter Sunday:

Sunrise Service 7am

Breakfast at Lutheran Church 8am (please sign the attendance sheet in the lobby area

Communion 10:30am

Special Dates

April Birthdays

April 1st	Taylor Sipe
April 3rd	Tim Forry Betsy Eyster
April 5th	Matthew Harbold
April 6th	Oscar Peralta
April 10th	Lynn Markle
April 16th	Amy Meyer
April 18th	Jeffrey Wagaman
April 19th	Steven Goodling
April 20th	Noah Johnson
April 22nd	Cole Goodling
April 24th	Tom McCarron
April 26th	Matt Knott
April 27th	Emmaleigh Hagarman
April 29th	Gene Forry
April 30th	Jennifer Senft Joe Shubert

P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Cindy S.
- Glenn K
- Linda C.
- Lois B.
- Judy G.
- Kathaleen R.
- Bud and Wendy B.
- Ed D.
- Claude R. Family
- Evelyn Thomn
- Stu Markel Family
- Dorrine H.
- Amspacher Family
- Dennis F.
- Joellyn S.



April Anniversaries

April 19th Regina & Jason Rothrock

2019 Altar Guild Schedule

**April – Amy Meyer & Wendy Bubb
Communion 4-21-19**

May – Doris Goodling & Lou Ann Markle

**June – Mary Brungard & Janet Hengst
Communion 6-9-19**

July – Michele Harper & Dorine Hagarman

August – Taylor Sipe & Velinda Johnson

**September – Deneen Harbold & Dorine Hagarman
Communion 9-8-19**

**October – Kimberly Starner & Heather Kuhn
Communion 10-6-19**

November – Nancy McIntrye & Kathryn Forry

**December – Tom & Heather Kuhn
Communion 12-1-19 & 12-24-19**

Communion Sunday Duties

Arrive by 9am to begin preparation

Communion trays are located within the cabinet in the Alter room on the left along with Communion chalice.

One loaf of bread is needed please cut into cubes.

Communion cups are located on the third shelf of cabinet in the Alter room

Wine and white grape fruit juice will be located within the fridge in the closet in the all purpose room please do not over fill cups.

Then take the Communion trays and chalice out to the sanctuary place on the Communion table and cover with white cloth prior to service beginning.

At the conclusion of the service please take the trays to the kitchen for clean up pour the used wine and grape fruit juice out please don't pour back into the bottle. The used bread can be tossed out for the birds or you can take home.

Once the trays are wiped out please return them back to the cabinet for storage until the next communion.

Also remember to change the Alter covers at the end of the service check the calendar to see what the next Sunday's covers color should be.

April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Young at Heart meet to fill Easter Eggs 10am	3 Choir Practice 7pm Worship Committee at 6:30pm	4 Cub Scout Meeting at 6:30pm	5 Prep work for Dutch Dinner 9am ELC Millers Plant Orders Due	6 Food Pantry 9am Dutch Dinner 4pm
7 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30	8 Boy Scouts 7pm	9 Day Care staff meeting 6pm	10 Choir Practice 7pm	11	12	13 Easter Egg Hunt 11am/Candy Pickup
14 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30	15 Boy Scouts 7pm Consistory 7pm	16	17 Choir Practice 7pm	18 Maundy Thursday 6:30pm	19 Good Friday 7pm	20
21 Easter Dawn Breakfast w/ Lutherans Communion	22 Boy Scouts 7pm Newsletter Article Due	23	24 Choir Practice 7pm	25 ELC Millers Plant Pickup	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30 Spring Grove Band 7pm	29 Boy Scouts 7pm	30				

Schedule of Events

- April 2nd - Young At Heart 10am
- April 4th - Cub Scouts 6:30pm
- April 6th - Food Pantry 9am/Dutch Dinner 4pm
- April 9th - Day Care Staff Meeting 6pm
- April 13th - Easter Egg Hunt 11am/ Easter Candy Pickup
- April 17th - Choir Practice 7pm
- April 19th - Good Friday 7pm
- April 22nd - Boy Scouts 7pm/News letter Articles Due
- April 25th - ELC Millers Plant Pickup
- April 29th - Boy Scouts 7pm
- April 3rd - Worship Committee 6:30pm/Choir 7pm
- April 5th - Prep for Dutch Dinner 9am/ELC Plant Orders Due
- April 8th - Boy Scouts 7pm
- April 10th - Choir Practice 7pm
- April 15th - Consistory 7pm/Boy Scouts 7pm
- April 18th - Maundy Thursday 6:30pm
- April 21st - Easter Dawn/Breakfast/Communion
- April 24th - Choir Practice 7pm
- April 28th - Spring Grove Jazz Band 7pm



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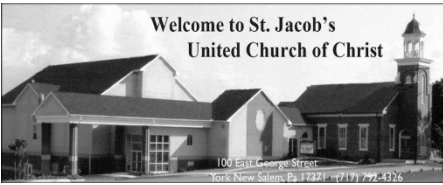
MOTHER'S DAY DANCE!

Featuring Chris Wick & the Hip Breakers

**MAY 4, 2019
FROM 6-9**

The Hip Breakers will be performing from 7-9 p.m. Dinner will be from 6-7 p.m. and consist of Pulled Pork, baked beans, macaroni salad, desserts, and drink. Cost is \$10 /person; \$5 ages 5-12; and children under 5 are FREE! For tickets please call the church office.

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St. Jacob's Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Jacob's United Church of Christ, called by God, empowered by the Holy Spirit and following the example of Jesus Christ, will strive to be ambassadors of God's will by:

- Caring for others and ourselves through love and compassion
- Teaching God's word
- Accepting and seeing all people as children of God
- Committing ourselves to these responsibilities in an ever changing society.

We're on the Web!
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