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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,

It seems in life, that you seldom appreciate what you have- until you don't have it. My "retreat" for example. Tents are no problem, neither is hiking, cooking, etc. However- No air conditioning. The temperatures hit the high 90's. There was no way to avoid the heat and humidity.

Time to suffer? Yes & No. It's hard to focus on PRAYER while the sweat gets in your eyes and the gnats swarm you. Yet, here comes the breeze making your sweat cool you off. Step under the huge oak and fir trees- the temperature drops 10-15 degrees.

There was much more to appreciate: No news, no phone, no electronics, no other people. But most of all- SILENCE

"Be still!- Hear the still small voice of God."

It's 1000% easier to meditate when the world's distractions are minimized. You witness God's wondrous plan of death and resurrection in the decaying tree trunks and the now blooming wildflowers. It's the road-killed deer and the groundhog babies. (outside the tent)

This death and resurrection cycle is one we are all part of- one we can't escape. God's creation accepts God's plan. Think of our seasons- death in the Fall. New life- resurrected in the Spring. Or the cosmos- new galaxies being born- others dying. Each of us is part of that same universal cycle.

Each day we live has a birth and death. We move on.- It's part of God's plan. "Immanuel"- God with us - Here and Now.

We realize God is not ever in the past. It's over. Can't be re-done. It's forgiven. To choose to live there, is to live without God. And therefore no life, no hope. Living in the "death" part of the cycle invites depression- aimlessness. It's self-destructive.

We can learn from God's creation. We can be [and are] part of the forward moving flow of life. Think of the birth of a baby. That's the new life. And Mom and Dad's "before baby" life is gone.

In secular terms this is the Circle of Life. In faith terms it is death and resurrection. And it keeps moving forward because time is real.

As the never-ending rain drowns the campfire, I'll head for my tent and some dry clothes.

Thank you all for the gift of the Retreat!

Shalom,

*Pastor Rick*

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# *From the Desk of Consistory President*

## John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

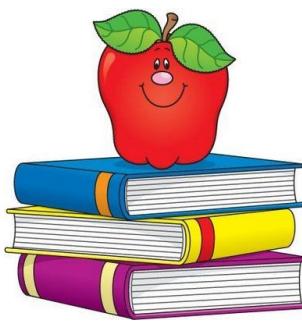
Hello St. Jacobs Family,

As we move from July into August family vacations and picnics surround us and your ability to enjoy spending time with your family and friends. Hopefully, you have been able to order some delicious sandwiches that will be supporting our Mission Trip. Also, our church picnic was a lovely day spending time with others and extremely yummy food. Our members really know how to cook and share their creations with others, thank you. In August the choir will be starting back up and if you're looking to share your voice with us I am sure Bob would love to have you join in. Consistory will not be meeting the month of August if something important arises we will touch base. In August our calendar may be light but I'm sure it will be super busy with all of our children and teachers getting back in the school season. We wish them all the very best as the new school year starts.

Sincerely,

*Heather Kuhn*

Consistory President



## **Required Minimum Distribution offerings can save you Federal Income Tax Dollars**

If you are 70 and 1/2 years of age you can likely reduce your annual Federal income tax obligation by directing any portion of your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from a tax deferred account as part of your giving to St. Jacob's UCC. Individuals who must receive a RMD can have their account representative distribute dollars directly to our church. That offering amount will not be included in your Federal taxable income total for the year. This amount of church giving will also be excluded as part of your itemized deduction total.

There are several ways excluding these RMD dollars will save tax dollars; 1) the amount of social security monies included as part of taxable income may be reduced, 2) a lower taxable income amount will save you tax dollars within your tax bracket and may even place you in a lower tax bracket and 3) reducing your adjustable gross income will allow for more medical expense dollars to be included as part of your itemized deduction calculation.

It is likely your account representative will only be willing to send one payment to St. Jacob's during any one year, but you may certainly decide how that payment is to be allocated among our various accounts. For instance, your donation could be split among any of our primary general, building or benevolence accounts, held to be used toward a year-end Christmas gift to repay mortgage principal, given toward a special benevolence cause or applied toward an ongoing special project we may be undertaking. If your donation were received say September 1<sup>st</sup>, it would be deposited into the church's savings account. Then at the end of each month amounts would be withdrawn from savings and transferred into each respective account and cause as you had directed.

In almost every instance reducing your Federal adjusted gross income will save you tax dollars. This is especially true with the 2018 tax law changes that increased the standard deduction for Federal income tax purposes (for 2019 these amounts are \$24,400 for joint and \$12,200 for individual filers). It may be most likely that your best option is to use the standard vs. itemized deduction total when calculating your Federal taxable income. Everyone's income tax circumstances are different, so you should check with your tax advisor before initiating a direct distribution to St. Jacob's. If you like I would be pleased to answer questions you may have. Consider this strategy for 2020 if your distribution has already occurred for 2019. Thank you.

Eric Barley

St. Jacob's UCC Consistory Meeting June 2019  
Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7 pm at St. Jacob's UCC

June 17, 2019

Opening: 7 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for May 2019 presented; motion Lynn Johnson, second by Kim Criswell to accept report as presented.

ELC: (Eric Barley)  
33 children are enrolled for summer program (school age children).  
July 1 Regal will install the washer and dryer.

Eric:  
Lions Club dinner -- \$615.59 proceeds  
\$150 received from Mary Jane's gift card fundraiser  
Quotes were obtained to have the church parking lot repaved -- it is 15 years old. Bids range \$35 – 37000 plus lining. A less expensive process (Petromet) was recommended and would be \$8000 cheaper. Wear life would be about the same as paving. Current parking lot can hold for another without major damage if we filled in the cracks. The lot on the Lutheran side quoted \$49 – 56500.

Kim:  
Lions dinner – 41 attended  
Strawberry social -- +50 were in attendance. Lanterns were lit and released  
Sandwich sale with pickup July 31  
Old windows in choir room, pastor's office and admin office need to be replaced

Steve:  
Victorian Ball – June 23 – invited ensemble to attend church service  
ELC – will be doing a presentation to them in full uniform  
DVD – One Foot in Heaven – suggested showing some time

Lynn:  
Breakfast attendance – 25 – a meeting will be held before the October breakfast to discuss more ways in which to advertise and hopefully get better attendance

Flooring – presented warranty -- proposed flooring (LVT – Luxury Vinyl Tile) is tolerant to drops, spills, temperature and humidity changes. An article will be placed in the newsletter and Sunday, July 14, has been set for presentation to the congregation. Proposed flooring is glued down and 30 mil wear layer with 20 year warranty. As compared to floating floor with 20 mil wear layer and 10 year warranty. This is a glued down flooring. Wecker's will be doing all the work – remove carpet, prep floor base, install flooring with appropriate transition strips, and molding to match the current base board.

Cross Walk – presented research as to what needed to be done in order to be considered for a cross walk. Consensus, after comparing several other options, would be to remain with placing cones on the main street, as currently being done.

Plaque – The plaque for Wyatt will be ordered in the next few weeks. It will be a stone and placed beside the tree rather than a leaf on the tree. Donor is anonymous.

Kathryn:

Profile: Two applicants have been received  
Admin Position: Interview will be set up in the next few weeks

Pastor Rick:

Confirmation class to be started for 2 teens currently attending (Christian and Blake). Class will be conducted via email and in the office once a month. Class is required to attend church every Sunday; and participate in the service.

Reviewed the wheel. Next meeting – Where has God placed us now and where is He taking us?

Adjourned 9:00 pm

General and Building account offerings and receipts during June, 2019 were (\$2,076) less than our budget. This brings our year-to-date deficit to (\$4,858). For 26 weeks actual offerings and receipts totaled \$80,032 (\$44,754 + \$35,278) compared to \$84,890 budgeted (\$49,166 + \$35,724).



**ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
GENERAL FUND  
JUNE 30, 2019**

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RECEIPTS				
BALANCE MAY 31, 2019	\$2,947.85	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
RECEIPTS:				
OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS	7,945.57	06/02/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	\$4,884.00
EARLY LEARNING CENTER		06/09/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	1,310.26
SHARED EXPENSES	3,500.00	06/16/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	1,100.31
DISBURSEMENTS:				
PAYMENTS MADE	(9,173.98)	06/23/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	2,631.00
		06/30/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	1,520.00
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019	\$5,219.44		TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$11,445.57
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Our church profile for our search for a half time settled pastor was updated and reposted on the Penn Central Conference website on May 20th. Recently we received two profiles from interested candidates. The search committee will review and decide to move forward or not with these pastoral profiles. Your prayers as we renew this search are appreciated.



### Food Bank- August 3rd

Remember our food bank if you have some time they are always looking for helpers. 9am till 11am



**BEAUTIFYING OUR CHURCH!!** The carpet in the church's reception area (outside our sanctuary to our Fellowship Hall) needs to be replaced. Quotes have been received and your Consistory has approved moving forward. The proposed replacement is a very durable LVT (luxury vinyl tile) product, which will be glued-down and carries a 20-year warranty. The existing carpet will be removed, any wooden subflooring will be replaced, appropriate transition strips will be installed as will new quarter round molding stained to match the current wood base. The quoted price for the described installation is \$13,111. The cost for this will be shared with our ELC -- church \$6,400 and ELC \$6,711. Since our 2019 church budget included \$2,000 toward this project cost, an affirmative vote from our Congregation to spend an additional \$4,400 will be needed for the work to begin.



"I installed all the floor tiles by myself. I did it all by tile and error."

### YOUNG AT HEART

Will be meeting August 27th at 11:00 am for a PICNIC. This will be held at North Codorus Township pavilion (4796 Park Ln, Spring Grove, PA 17362) All are welcome. **Please bring a covered dish to share and a lawn chair.** Join us for good food, fellowship, and nature.



## Picnic

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

#### **August Sermons**

August 4th : Dearest Place on Earth  
August 11th: Church --Elders/Lay leaders-- Members, August 18th : Covenant -- Mission  
August 25th: Healing Service

This committee meets with the pastor, at which time different topics/ subjects are discussed. These meetings assist the pastor in his preparation for Sunday worship. The committee meets every quarter. All members of the congregation are invited to attend these meetings. Different suggestions and thoughts from the congregation would provide new areas to be presented. OR, if you have suggestions please feel free to share them with Pastor Rick.



**Newsletter articles for September due August 16th**

## Special Dates

### August Birthdays

August 2nd	Michele Brown
August 3rd	Barb Hinkle
	Jay Kuhn
August 13th	Michele Harper
	Brycesin Hagarman
August 18th	Burt Hengst
August 23rd	Doris Goodling
August 15th	Tyler McCarron
August 26th	Barb Goodyear
	Cassandra DeLaronde
August 27th	Carrie Hillman
August 31st	Doug Landis



### August Anniversaries

August 9th	Lloyd & Wendy Bubb
August 10th	Gene & RaeJeane Forry
August 12th	Burt & Janet Hengst



## P.U.S.H

### **(Pray Until Something Happens)**

- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Donna M.
- Glenn K.
- Linda C.
- Lois B.
- Joellyn S.
- Kathaleen R.
- Bud and Wendy B.
- Barry D.
- Claude R. Family
- Evelyn T.
- Stu M.
- Dennis F.
- Cindy S.
- Kelly A.
- Judy G.
- Billy & Elena H.
- Bonnie B
- Calude R. Family
- Janet & John H.
- Ethel G.
- George S.
- Willie S.
- Todd and Ellen K.
- Larry H.
- Mark K.
- Jim H. and Family
- Holly G.

Prayers  
please

## 2019 Altar Guild Schedule

**August – Velinda & Taylor 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 Altar room on the left of the sanctuary along with Communion chalice.**

**One loaf of bread is needed. Please cut into cubes.**

**Communion cups are located on the third shelf of the cabinet in the Altar 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.**

**Take the Communion trays and chalice 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 Altar covers at the end of the service. Check the calendar to see what the next Sunday's cover color should be.**



# August 2019

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Today

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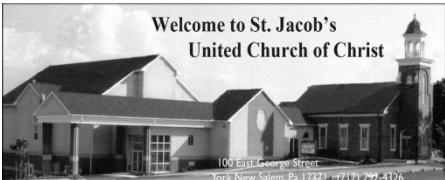
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 11am Church Picnic	29	30	31 4pm Sandwich Pick-Up	Aug 1	2	3 9am Food Pantry
4 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	5 6:30pm Cub Scout Meeting	6 6pm Day Care Board Meetin	7 7pm Choir	8	9	10
11 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	12 6:30pm Cub Scout Meeting	13 6pm ELC teachers meeting	14 7pm Choir	15	16 News letter Articles Due	17
18 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	19 6:30pm Cub Scout Meeting 7pm Consistory Meeting	20	21 7pm Choir	22	23	24
25 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	26 6:30pm Cub Scout Meeting	27	28 7pm Choir	29	30	31

## St. Jacob's United Church of Christ



*Everyone is Welcome!*

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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.



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