

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 ...

Happy Holy Days & Merry Christmas

That's what it is for me. I understand a Holy Day-that sacred time when God enters his creation as one of us, the incarnation.

To push this concept a bit –isn't every day a Holy one? And some extra holy?

Then, how should I use each day? Each day is a gift, how do I try to say “thank you”?

It can be an interesting struggle. In fact, if you've seen “God Friended Me” (on TV - 8pm Sunday) you know that putting God into every day life is a challenge - one based solely on faith.

Yet this is the heart and soul of Christmas: God put God into human form – living everyday as one of us. Jesus lived life fully focused on the mission. Some will say “so did Scrooge”. Yes, however Jesus lived for us. Scrooge for me, myself and I. Big difference.

I'm not one for a commercialized holiday season. To stay on track, I use the carols. “O Holy night”, away “in a manger”, “Mary did you know” and the rest.

Let's let Christmas be truly Christmas. Let the joyful, grace filled message be heard by all. With Christmas, God says “Peace on Earth, Good will to all”. May it be so.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President

Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

What a wonderful time of year we are moving into so many fantastic events will be happening within our church building as I am sure there are fantastic events with your families happening. We encourage everyone to join us in these wonderful events and never hesitate to bring along family and friends so they are able to enjoy these wonderful events. Our church Christmas dinner is our first event where we will have a wonderful meal and then a visit from the North Pole may stop by. The ever fantastic Chalk Talk Lady will also join us to do another fantastic art piece. We will also be decorating our church for the Christmas season the first Saturday in December. Our next event will be Breakfast with Santa this is always a fantastic event our Early Learning Center will be doing their Christmas program and there will be a book fair for everyone to look thru and possibly find an extra Christmas gift. Bob and our wonderful choir will provide us with fantastic music during this wonderful season. On Christmas Eve we will celebrate the birth of our Savior a truly blessed event please join us at 5:30 to celebrate this blessed event.

Sincerely,

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

I would like to gather information on all the members that have keys to the church both the inside doors and the outside doors. I am not asking for anyone's keys back I am only gathering the information to be kept in the office for future reference. If doors or keys would ever need to be changed I would like to make the process of contacting those that have keys and switching them out if need be. There is a sheet in the office please take a moment and add you name, phone number and the number on your key to this.

Again I am not asking for anyone's keys back we are only collecting this information for safe keeping .

Thank you

Heather

October 2018 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

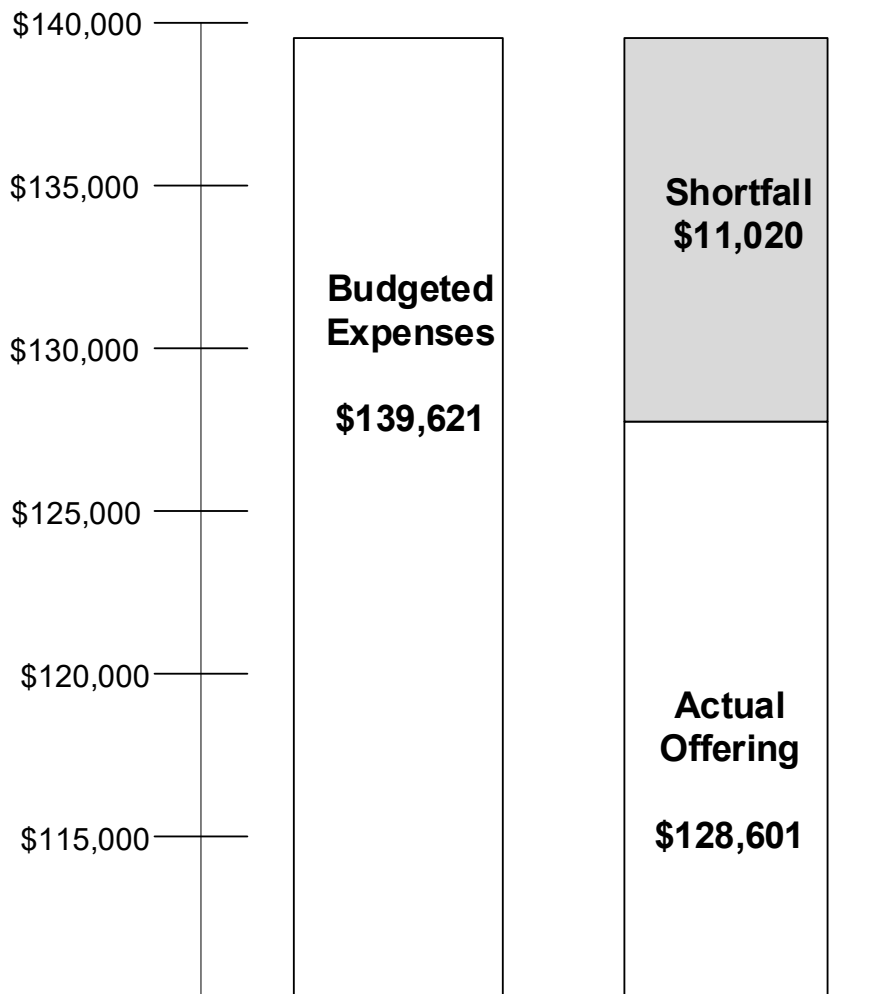
Shown below is a chart which shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the ten months of 2018.

The numbers through the end of October showed a combined shortfall in the General and Building Funds of \$11,020 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings. This was an improvement over the difference we showed at the end of September of \$14,411. A big reason for the smaller shortfall was the income from four fundraisers – Civil War Ball, Soup Sale, Pot Pie Dinner, and Pretzel Sandwich & Hoagie Sale – for a total of \$4,364.59. A very big thank you to everyone who helped with and/or participated in these fundraisers – your help and support are greatly appreciated.

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

Budget Numbers for October 2018

**Covers 43 Sundays
Combined General and Building Funds**



ST. JACOB'S UCC 2019 BUDGET NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

**We are only constrained by
our own imagination**

Budgeted operating expenses for 2019 are somewhat changed from 2018.

If we assume that the last two months of offerings and receipts for 2018 will match amounts given during 2017 and we incorporate offering increases of 2% (Building Account) and 4% (General Account) for 2019 our budget will run a combined surplus of \$2,019 and we will expect to accommodate the following:

3% compensation increase for Pastor Rick of \$1,280 and for Bob of \$445,

2019 anticipated net utility, insurance, and repair costs being less than 2018 budget amounts, but about \$1,600 more than 2018 expected net costs,

Maintain \$2,000 in resources for member outreach and/or new programming,

Will maintain approximately \$125,000 in savings reserve for building and operating expenses,

Need to remember that further exterior sanctuary repairs/improvements will only be accomplished by drawing upon our savings balance or through dedicated fundraising efforts.

The 2018 budget asks our congregation to:

Maintain their Benevolence envelope giving and to continue to support our Community Food Bank and other non-emergency mission causes,

Increase by 2% Building Account offerings (these are non-mortgage principal repayment dollars) and to continue to support building account dedicated fundraising projects, such as our PA Dutch Dinner, two soup sales, our Pot Pie Dinner, and our two dedicated basket/other prizes bingo events,

Increase by 4% General Account offerings. This is an increase of just under \$3,300. Keep in mind that three new families offering \$22 per week would total an additional \$3,432.

The additional General Account dollars offered would help pay for:

\$2,000 contribution toward an approximate \$9,900 cost to replace carpeting that leads from our Fellowship Hall to our Sanctuary. This work was deferred during 2018,

\$1,250 or about half the cost to replace our facility's fire and smoke detection sensors, which are near the end of their useful life. Again, this work was deferred during 2018,

\$900 of net cost for Fellowship Hall tile floor care, and

Maintaining a modest \$2,000 budget for Christian Education and Evangelism resources.

Extremely positive activities are happening:

Additional benevolence offerings of \$4,966 given for Back Bay Mission Trip support,

Designated mortgage repayment of \$10,000 given through estate planning,

Up to \$17,000 offered to match year-end mortgage repayment dollars,

In addition to shared expenses payments our Early Learning Center has completed/will be completing the following during 2018 representing just over \$12,600:

Larger commercial freezer purchased and installed \$4,210,

Tile floor scrubber \$1,295, new kitchen grease trap \$1,947, and lower level exterior doors \$914, and

Will be purchasing and installing new replacement dish machine with approximate cost of \$4,250.

ELC continues to have in reserve \$6,700 for sanctuary level carpet replacement.

**ST. JACOB'S UCC
2019 BUDGET SUMMARY**

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	2019 BUDGET	2018 EXPECTED	2018 BUDGET
BENEVOLENCE FUND ACCOUNT:			
Cash balance 01/01/2018 = \$13,257			
Offerings and interest	\$14,045	\$19,275	\$10,372
Account disbursements	-14,045	-19,275	-10,372
Account transfers	0	0	0
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Net cash added (used)	\$0	\$0	\$0
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BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT:			
Offerings, other receipts, and interest	\$75,020	\$112,768	\$81,341
Account disbursements	-71,800	-110,411	-71,300
Account transfers to our General Account	0	0	-5,657
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Net cash added	\$3,220	\$2,357	\$4,384
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GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT:			
Offerings, other receipts, and interest	\$98,300	\$92,870	\$91,951
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Disbursements:			
Worship expenses	2,385	1,510	2,335
Fellowship expenses	340	17	340
Christian Education and Evangelism	2,000	1,028	2,000
Compensation	58,815	55,898	57,330
Travel reimbursement	2,990	2,900	2,900
Health insurance reimbursement	5,250	5,100	5,100
Payroll taxes and insurances	2,028	1,869	1,989
Office supplies	1,335	1,274	1,125
Education and memberships	550	151	550
Church utilities, insurance, and repairs (net)	21,857	20,288	22,028
Contingency and other	1,951	8,249	1,911
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Total disbursements	-99,501	-98,284	-97,608
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Net cash excess (shortfall)	-1,201	-5,414	-5,657
Funds transferred from Building Acct.	0	0	5,657
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Net cash (used)	-\$1,201	-\$5,414	\$0
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BUILDING AND GENERAL ACCTS. CASH - BEG.	\$122,864	\$125,921	\$111,225
NET (USE OF) ADDITION TO CASH RESOURCES	2,019	-3,057	4,384
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BUILDING AND GENERAL ACCTS. CASH - ENDING	\$124,883	\$122,864	\$115,609

St Jacobs UCC Consistory Minutes October 2018
Meeting are held the third Monday of the month @ 7pm in St. Jacobs UCC.
October 2018

Opening: 6:58pm

Present: Pastor Rick, Heather, Lloyd, Eric, Lynn, Kathryn

Minutes for August/September 2018

Motion to approve by Lynn

2nd by Lloyd (August) and Kathryn (September)

All Approved

Treasurers Report for October 2018 & Review of Back Bay Mission Accounting

Motion to approve by Lynn

2nd by Lloyd

All Approved

Old Business

Minutes “special review” for multiple months

ELC Washer Dryer – Estimate for 4,200 received. Vent outside extra water heater room also discussed.

New Business

Lloyd Reads through Rental Agreement

Discussions

Planning for upcoming events

Information Shared Regarding possible St. Jacob’s food bank capital project

Action Steps To Be Taken

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm

Motion was made by Lynn

2nd by Kathryn

All in favor

Pastor Rick leads us in the Lord’s Prayer for closing.

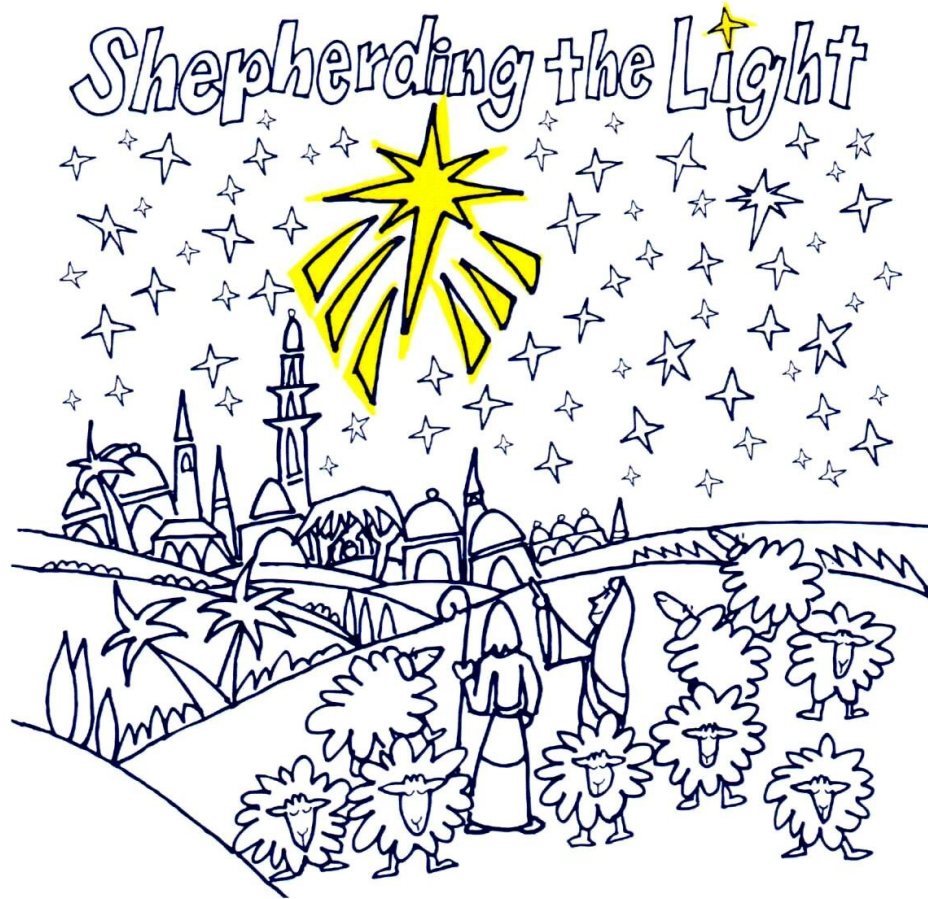
From the Desk of the Church Historian

December 2018 marks the 85th anniversary of the dedication of our church organ. The organ was originally built for, and used in the Hippodrome Theater in Baltimore, Md., to provide music during silent movies in the middle 1910's through early 1930's.

From records found on the Organ Historical Website our organ (Moller, Opus number 2685) was probably originally Opus number 1856, which was built in 1913 and installed in the theater. In 1918 the 4 year old Hippodrome Theatre was bought by the Loew's company who upgraded the existing organ. Moller opus 2563 is described as a rebuild of the three year old Moller opus 1856, expanding from 2 manuals and 16 ranks to 3 manuals and 16 ranks, but the process by which this was achieved is not described. (I also say this is PROBABLY the history of our organ because I could not find any records that directly link it back to the organ listed from the Hippodrome - but we do know our organ came from that theater).

The celebration surrounding the dedication of the organ was impressive, with services over three days – December 8th, 9th and 10th, 1933. Two ministers who had grown up as members of St. Jacob's – Rev. Fred Eyster and Rev Truman Crist were the guest speakers on December 8th and 9th. Choirs from three local congregations, Trinity Reformed Church in Jackson township, Salem Union Church in Jacobus, and Wolf's Union Church sang anthems. Rev J. N. Faust, the pastor of Lischey's Charge led the services.





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Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Dinner—Saturday, December 1st

Save the Date! The annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 1st starting at 6:00 p.m. Elva Hurst will be joining us with her Chalk Talk. Prices are \$13.00 for adults, \$6.50 for children 4-10, and children 3 and under are free. Tickets are on sale now. The last day for tickets is November 25th! They will be available after church and by calling the church office. Hope to see you there!



Cookie Sale

Stop by and pick up some cookies at the cookie sale Sunday, December 16 before and after the church service. This is a great way to pick up a variety of baked goodies for yourself or to share with friends and family during the Christmas season. Cookies will sell for \$4.00 a dozen and the proceeds will be donated to the United Church of Christ's Disaster Readiness and Response Ministry Team that provides support and volunteers for disaster recovery, both locally and nationally.

Breakfast With Santa:

It's not too early to begin thinking about pancakes, Santa, book fair and our Early Learning Center children presenting their Christmas program. Last year we combined the Breakfast with Santa with the Early Learning Center's Christmas program and book fair and had a very successful event. This year on Saturday, December 8th from 8:30 am to 11 am we will be together again to enjoy breakfast, the book fair, the holiday shop, the children's program and Santa. The cost for breakfast will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 4-12 and children 3 and under are free. Check the bulletin boards for flyers coming soon. Come out and enjoy a great morning that will be sure to put you in the Christmas spirit.



Special Dates

December Birthdays

December 4th Tracy Goodyear

December 6th Denise Hoffman

John Dayton Ester

Rich Forry

December 8th Floyd Matthews

December 9th Wyatt Amspacher

December 13th Zachary Arthur Murray

December 15th Lynn Becker

December 19th Steven Forry

December 20th Deneen Harbold

December 22nd Joyce Reiningger

December 23rd Meghan Kuhn

December 24th Dave Wakeland

December 26th Jayson Landis

December 28th Braylee Yost

Kathaleen Reynolds

December 30th Lois Wakeland



December Anniversaries

December 22nd Dave & Lois Wakeland

December 31st Dough & Kathy Landis

P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Cindy S.
- Glenn K
- Lynda C.
- Judy G.
- Kathaleen R.
- Wendy B.
- Lois B.
- Claude R. Family
- Evelyn Thomn
- Marshal
- Amanda





2018 Altar Guild Schedule

December – Tom & Heather Kuhn— Communion on 2nd & 24th

2019 Altar Guild Schedule is being prepared. If you would like to continue to serve on the altar guild please advise Heather Kuhn or Matthew Knott. If anyone would like to serve on our altar guild, please reach out to us. We would love to have you!

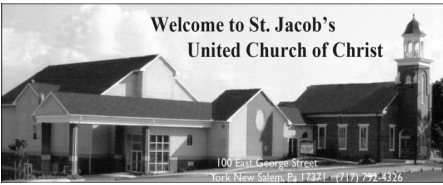
ALTAR GUILD

December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Food Pantry Christmas Dinner
2 Communion	3	4 "Cookies for seniors" packing day	5 Choir Practice 7pm	6	7	8 Breakfast W/ Santa Book Sale/Santa Workshop
9	10	11	12 Choir Practice 7pm	13	14	15
16 Cookie Sale	17	18	19 Choir Practice 7pm	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve Service/Communion	25 Merry Christmas	26 Choir Practice 7pm	27	28	29
30	31					

Schedule of Events

- December 1st - Christmas Dinner
- December 4th - Cookies for Seniors
- December 16th - Cookie Sale
- December 25th - Christmas Day
- December 2nd - Communion
- December 8th - Breakfast with Santa/Book Sale/Santa's workshop
- December 24th - Christmas Eve Service and Communion



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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