

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 ...*

**G**reetings to all,

I had my calendar pretty well filled out for the summer. But, the weather does not follow what I had planned. I keep needing to re-shuffle to get things done - a bit frustrating.

However, I am not alone in this. Most of you had the same issue - especially those of you who do some gardening. And, I admit, I find some comfort in that. Not the gardening, but in the re-scheduling.

It puts us all in the same boat, giving us a commonness from which we can grow - and complain.

The church follows a similar pattern. We're all in it together. It doesn't matter if the weather (in the church) is positive or not - by the power of the Spirit we are together. This is where our faith goes to work. When it does - we benefit. And that benefit we share with others. Just like the produce we'll soon see on the "sharing table" and in our mission group heading for Back Bay again.

To get these - and a thousand other things done, we've all had to re-schedule something or other. We do it because we know we are part of the church - Jesus' people who are the hope and light for society.

**And we do it - as Paul wrote "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
Amen.**

Blessings,

*Pastor Rick*

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## *From the Desk of Consistory President*

[Proverbs 3:5-6](#) *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

The summer months have arrived and even though the Lord has blessed us with rain the excitement of vacations and adventures are planned and enjoyed. The UCC conference that Kathryn, Scott, Pastor Rick and myself attended was very enlightening and well attended. Worshiping with others and listening to their ideas was eye opening. This last week of June our combined church's of St. Jacobs UCC and St. Jacobs Lutheran will be holding VBS we encourage all to come and enjoy an exciting week. In July we have our church picnic it will be an exciting day of yummy food, worship, games and so much more so come on out and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Pastor Rick has given the consistory the task of looking forward to the future. Where do we see ourselves in 5 years or 10 years? I know for myself this can be a challenging task and thinking about it can be daunting at times. So I'm asking each of you what would you like to see our church doing in 5 years or even 10 years? Your ideas and thoughts are always welcome.

Have a wonderful summer

Sincerely,

*Heather Kuhn*

Consistory President

### **June Consistory Meeting Notes**

- New overhead Filters in the fellowship hall are working better
- Vacation for Pastor is covered
- Thirty-five people attended the strawberry social
- 150 subs/sandwiches sold, pick up is June 27th
- \$185 collected for charity in May
- Roof deposit is paid
- A Victorian ball is in the works, tentatively in October
- A "church skit" night may be planned in the future
- Monica from UCC has taken over for our former pastoral search contact
- Discussed updating our profile for the pastoral search
- "Long Range Planning" and keeping things running smooth discussed
- Our board may start looking outside of the area for a pastor
- Although membership is down, an increasing number of people are coming to help/worship without Membership

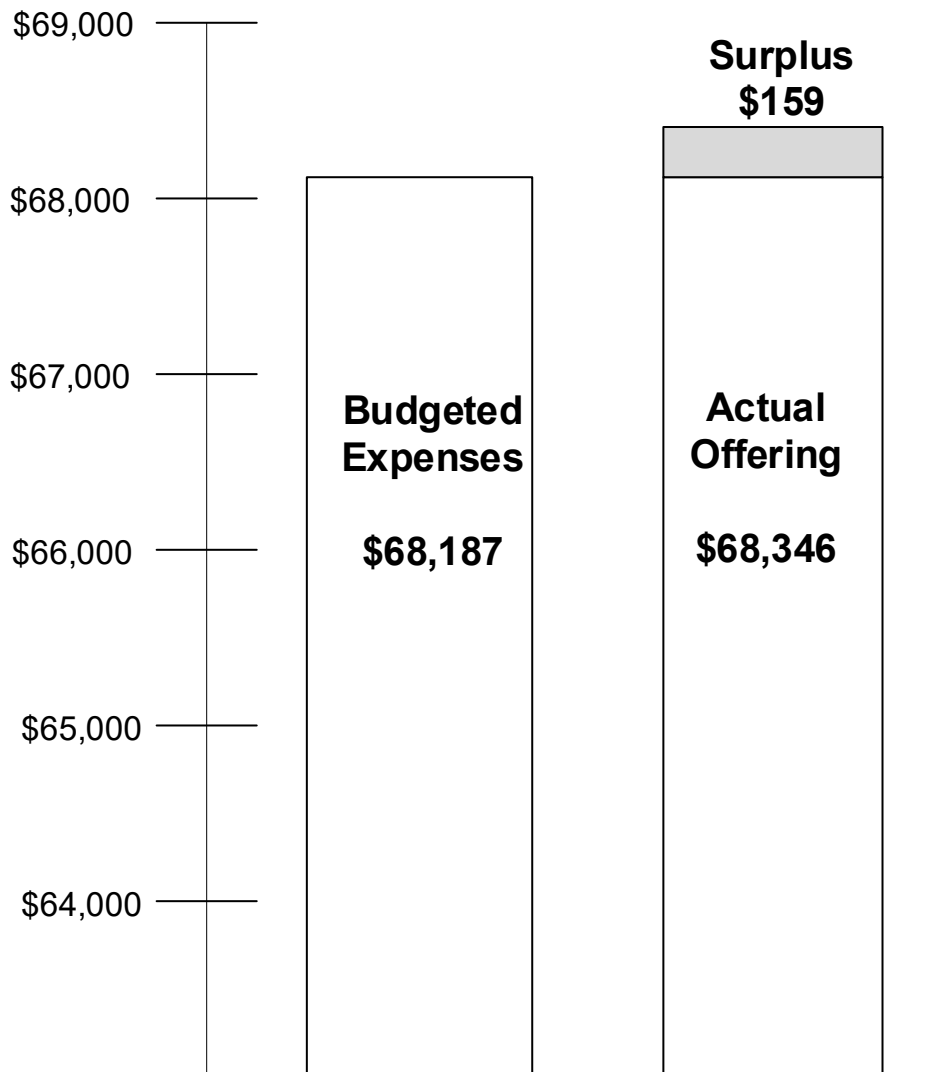
**May 2018 Budget Update  
(Combined General and Building Funds)**

The chart below shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the four months of 2018. The numbers through the end of March showed a combined surplus in the General and Building Funds of \$2,242 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings. The surplus was in large part due to the success of our PA Dutch Dinner on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks again to everyone who contributed toward and helped with the dinner to make it such a success.

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

**Budget Numbers for  
May 2018**

**Covers 21 Sundays  
Combined General and Building Funds**



## Search Committee Update



On May 31<sup>st</sup> your search committee met with a local pastor that is possibly evaluating some life changes. Because this meeting was outside of the normal Penn Central Conference procedure, I like to refer to this meeting as our “nudge” meeting. Our church profile and a very heartfelt letter from the committee was sent to this pastor saying if you are looking for a sign (aren’t we all in some instances?) may our profile be a sign to you. This pastor would like to continue with another chat with us. We also have two other candidates from outside of Pennsylvania that we will be reaching out to set up interviews with now that we have the Skype capability set up on the office computer.

Some of you may have heard that our designated associate for search and call is no longer with Penn Central Conference, which may make our search a little more difficult right now, but please believe, your search committee is doing as much as we can with the conference and on our own with networking connections. Continued prayers for our search.

### **Back Bay Mission Trip 2018 Update for July**

We are now less than 90 days from our trip to Back Bay Mission and currently we have 16 people who are interested in going (ranging in age from 16 to 67), with the possibility of a few more going.

For anyone you know of that may be interested in making the trip with us who is not a member of the congregation we would ask that those individual(s) cover the cost of the per person fee from Back Bay Mission, which is \$250.

We need to have the names of those interested in going no later than July 1st so we can pass the information along to Back Bay Mission.

**Please remember** that we will continue to collect personal travel size items (feminine hygiene pads, deodorant, shampoo, soap, Kleenex, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hand lotion, bushes, wet wipes) and we are also asking for donations of sweatshirts and t-shirts. On our first trip we learned how much of a need there was for these items for the homeless, many of whom sleep on the beaches in and near Biloxi.

We have also received a “Wish List” from Back Bay Mission for items for each of the different ministries they have ongoing. The wish list is located in the newsletter as a separate page.

Our challenge to the congregation is still in place: for those who can to donate \$5 per person each week toward the mission trip to help cover our expenses.

More updates on our progress will follow throughout the summer - if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask any of the people who have signed up to go on the trip (the list is outside the choir room).



### POP TOP BAG WISH LIST

Canned Beans & Wienies  
Vienna  
Sausages  
Canned ham  
Jif to Go Peanut Butter  
3oz Packet of Spam  
2oz-3oz Individual Fruit Cups  
3oz pkgs of cookies  
Juice boxes  
Snack bags of assorted chips

### HOME AT LAST CLIENTS

Dish liquid  
Toilet paper  
Laundry detergent  
Cleaning supplies  
Toothpaste  
Paper towels  
Deodorant  
Body wash

### FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

Jelly  
Pasta & Rice Side Dishes  
Bags of white or brown rice  
Boxes of grits and oatmeal (individual packets)  
Canned fruit  
Chef Boyardee Canned Spaghetti  
Beefaroni  
Chicken Alfredo  
Canned Chili  
Jif Peanut Butter  
Plastic squeeze or jars of mayonnaise  
Walmart Gift Cards

### MICAH CENTER WISH LIST

Women's underwear (S-M-L) No white  
Bras  
Women's socks  
Women's jeans or pants  
Men's underwear (S-M-L-XL-XXL) No white  
Men's jeans (W30-42; L32-34)  
Men's socks  
Disposable body wipes (small packets)  
Lip balm  
Small hand sanitizers  
Men's & Women's deodorant  
Body talc powder  
Foot powder  
Rain gear/ponchos  
Back Packs  
Hygiene kits

### HOME AT LAST – HOMELESS OUT-REACH

Sleeping Bags  
Tents  
Propane  
Flash lights  
Batteries (all sizes)  
Hand warmers  
Foot warmers  
Insect repellent  
Tarps  
Small grills  
Canned tuna- tuna to go



*God is still speaking,*

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS IN 2017!

**Friends of Penn Central Conference** - Your support was resounding and exceeded the goal by 43% (\$14,390 versus a goal of \$10,000)!

**OCWM** was tremendous with \$897,141 given - that's 104% of 2016 and 94% of our budget.

**Disaster Ministries** - Your generosity extended to help bring hope to families affected by devastating hurricanes, floods and other disasters with over \$120,000 received.

**Mission and Ministry** – From diaper ministries and little libraries to mission trips and assistance to those in need, Penn Central churches exhibited their *Love of Neighbor, Love of Creation and Love of Children* in tremendous ways!

Thank you for your prayers, support, generosity, leadership and commitment in 2017!

**We look forward to an amazing second half of 2018!**

Now, .5% of most of your Amazon purchases can go back to the Conference when you use AmazonSmile.  
Just use <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1614438> when you shop!



# Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS



The month of July we are having a Mickey's wholesale pizza fundraising event.

Orders are due by July 8th and our Mickey's Pizza pick-up will be July 18th.

Anyone wanting to place an order, order forms are on the table in front of the office or see Ashley and Kim Criswell.

All proceeds will go towards  
St. Jacob's UCC 2018  
Back Bay Mission Trip  
We appreciate all the support !!

## Church Picnic

Come out to our annual church picnic which will be held on Sunday, July 29 at 11:00 a.m. at Penn Grove. Come out for a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and great food. Bring your favorite covered dish or desert to share. There will be swimming, volleyball, and softball throughout the day for everybody to enjoy so bring your bathing suits, baseball gloves/bats, and sneakers. Penn Grove retreat is located at 6419 Pamadeva Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

Directions to Penn. Grove

Depart E. George St. toward square of York New Salem

Go straight onto W. George St. Keep onto Stoverstown Road

Turn right onto Lehman Road Turn left onto PA-116/York Road

Turn left onto Smith Station Road Arrive at 6419 Pamadeva Rd. Hanover, PA. The last intersection is Faith Way.



## We Need YOU!

Food Pantry box packing will be Thursday July 5th at 7am. Food pantry give out is Saturday July 7th from 9am-11am. Everyone is welcomed to help either of these days.

**Newsletter articles for July due by July 16th.**

## Special Dates

### July Birthdays

July 2nd	Connie Miller
	Melissa Forry
July 6th	Christopher Willhide
July 7th	Deb Stough
July 8th	Mary Brungard
July 14th	Gloria Markle
July 15th	Mary Jane McLaughlin
July 20th	Luann Markle
	Lori Bechtel
July 21st	Larry Hoffman
July 27th	Wendell Harper
July 29th	Travis Shearer



### June Anniversaries

June 16th	Scott & Amy Meyer
June 30th	Daniel & Loretta Landis

## P.U.S.H

### (Pray Until Something Happens)

- Tom W.
- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Claude R. & Family
- LeAnn S.
- Dave W.
- Cindy S.
- Louann H.
- Gwen B.
- Ricky F.
- Daisy and Glen D.
- Kathleen R.
- Ken Hoover
- Chase R
- Elena H.
- Alona Melonovich
- Shaun Goodling
- Ashley T.
- Nancy McIntyre
- Marlene D.
- Lois B.
- Kay
- Holly G.







## 2018 Altar Guild Schedule

**July – Michele Harper & Gloria Markle—Communion on the 8th**

**August – Cassandra Delaronde & Velinda Johnson**

**September – Deneen Harbold & Dorine Hagarman—Communion on the 2nd**

**October – Kimberly Starner & Heather Kuhn— Communion on the 7th**

**November – Lynn & Scott Becker**

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

# ALTAR GUILD



*From the Desk of the Church Historian*

July marks the 155th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. New Salem and the surrounding area were touched by the Rebel forces as they advanced northward toward Harrisburg, and eastward through the Susquehanna River.

A minute book from St. Jacob's Union Sunday School has an entry on July 12th, 1863 that reads: "It was no school on the account of Rebels for two Sundays Stuarts cavalry gone moved through our town on the 30th of June 1863."

About 3:00 AM on the morning of July 1, General J.E.B. Stuart's Calvary entered New Salem from the south. Six thousand mounted men with 150 heavy wagons (captured in Maryland from the Army of the Potomac) all rumbled by on the dirt streets. Stuart had guards posted at the two hotels, one on the northwest corner of the square and the other on the southwest corner, to keep his men out of the barrooms. For about three hours Confederate troops streamed through the town. To give some idea of the length of the column, as the rear guard was leaving New Salem, the front of the column was entering Dover.

There were stories from local residents, including my great grandmother, that booming of the cannon was heard in New Salem on July 3, most likely from the Confederate bombardment prior to Pickett's Charge.

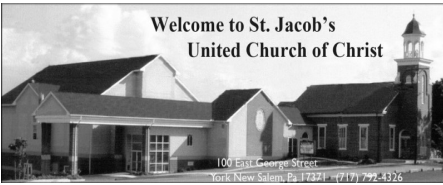


# July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Office Closed	5 Pack Boxes for Food pantry (7am)	6	7 Food Pantry 9am-11am
8 Summer Communion Mickey's Pizza orders due	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Mickey's Pizza Pick Up (4-6pm)	19	20 Pantry Move	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Church Picnic 11am-?	30	31				

### Schedule of Events

- July 4th - Office Closed
- July 7th - Food Pantry
- July 8th - Summer Communion
- July 8th - Mickey's pizza orders due
- July 18th - Mickey's pizza pick-up
- July 20th - Pantry Move
- July 29th - Church Picnic



*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.

We're on the Web!  
[www.stjacobsucc.org](http://www.stjacobsucc.org)