

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 - Or as Jesus would say “Shalom”
(The Peace of God go with you)

Even as the summer heat slows some down and others take time off - our Ministry continues. Indeed, it must! Our Spiritual batteries need re-charged. We need fellowship of Our Church Family. We need to hear the Sacred Word giving us hope, direction and motivation.

In that regard, here is our Summer Worship schedule and if you would like to be a reader contact the Pastor or Lynn Johnson.

July 07 - Gen. 4 - The 1st Family

July 14 - Gen. 6 1to8 - Summer Communion - The Real Noah

July 21 - Surprise

July 28 - Church Picnic - Pastor Rick Preaching

Aug 04 - What is “Covenant”

Aug 11 - All Based on the Heidelberg Catechism “Personal Responsibility”

Aug 18 - “Deacon’s & Elders”

Aug 25 - Healing Service - Matthew 12:9to21

That’s the Summer Post - Pentecostal schedule, Thanks to the Worship Committee. It was prayerfully generated with 3 goals in mind: Answers to Questions, Better Faith Knowledge of Scripture and promoting God’s Grace.

I know all of us will take a vacation or two this summer. As shown by the (above) schedule, God will not be taking a vacation.

Now when vacationing, visit another congregation and when “vacationers” drop in on you, encourage them to join you for worship.

It’s a great way to meeting new folks.

Shalom,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President

Genesis 8:22

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, **summer** and winter, day and night will never cease."

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

Summer is upon us and during this time our children and families are enjoying the adventures they may have along the way. The Strawberry social was well attended all were able to enjoy yummy deserts and then took a moment to light lanterns in honor or memory of someone special to them. Our Community Breakfast was lightly attended hopefully as we continue with reaching out to the community we are able to have others join us. The Red Lion Felton Band did a fantastic job sharing their music ability's with us it is always a joy to have them here. Our Victorian Ball was truly a delight and Scott did a fantastic job with tying Ester and the Civil War together.

As we move into July we still have our Food Pantry the first Saturday and I am sure with vacations and adventures everyone may be on they would love to have an extra set of hands to help. We have our summer Communion on the 14th and our Consistory Meeting on 15th. Our Pastor will away on retreat from July 17th thru July 24th recharging his battiers and finding new inspiration. Then on July 28th we will be having our Annual Church Picnic remember all invited bring a friend to enjoy some delicious food and some exciting times playing games or cooling off in the pool.

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 1st, 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 Jacobs UCC Consistory Minutes May 2019

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month @ 7pm in St. Jacobs UCC.

June 17, 2019

Opening: 7:00pm

Present: Consistory members: Pastor Rick, Heather Kuhn, Lynn Johnson, Kim Criswell, Steve Reynolds.

Others present: Eric Barley, Dorine Hagarman, Cindy Stuempfle, Taylor Sipe

A. Old Business

- Water heater installed, cost \$1795 – 50% shared cost with ELC
- Food pantry- fundraiser benefits
 - o More food-weight distribution
 - Fresher produce and freezer capacity
- Air conditioning condensate line leak investigation

B. Early Learning Center report – presented by Heather

- Summer program
 - o Carnival being rescheduled to a date in July
- Play area work is pending proposals on scope of work from the contractor
- Regal provided a quote to provide additional electrical panel circuits when making changes and installing the lower level washer and dryer. This \$4,866 cost to be paid by the ELC.

C. Local Mission

- Mr. Sandy's needs shower and curbing repairs - volunteer help will be requested when the concrete curb repair is performed.

D. New Business

- Fred to look into wood carving class
- Pastor on Silent Retreat July 17-24 at Hartman Center
- Profile sent to headquarters

E. Lynn

- Flooring installation – option preferred total \$9,662
 - o ELC – will provide \$6,700 toward the total cost
 - o Church remainder

❖ Motion to move forward with info, approved

F. Kim

- Lions club dinner 6/1
- Strawberry Social 6/2
- Church picnic 7/28
- Pretzel sandwich / hoagie pick-up, Wednesday 7/31

G. Steve

- Victorian Ball – 6/23
- Will be providing Civil War information to ELC summer camp participants and others 6/28

H. Eric

- Food pantry building, electric service upgrade and equipment update. St. Jacob's maximum contribution is \$10,000 toward the effort. \$5,000 has been disbursed in May to our food pantry.
 - o \$6,500 being spent for additional storage shed and electric service upgrade
 - o Lutheran Church will be paying for ½ of total cost.
- ❖ **Motion to approve by Kim, 2nd by Pastor, approved**
 - Chair storage – 2 additional chair caddies needed to store chairs on hand with room to spare if/when more chairs are purchased. Net cost to St. Jacob's for the 2 add'l caddies will be \$456.
 - Ultimately chair caddies will have heavy cloth covering.
- ❖ **Motion to approve by Lynn, 2nd by Steve, approved**

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Upcoming project:

- Pipe organ. There are approximately 10 notes that are not sounding consistently. It has been found that the electronic contacts at the organ keys are failing. The contacts can be cleaned when the organ is tuned every 6 months, but this is a stopgap measure that does not ensure the notes will sound until the next cleaning. The recommendation from Taylor Miller, the person/firm that undertook our major organ renovation 20+ years ago, is to have the instruments two keyboards replaced. The cost to undertake the work is \$4,325. This is not an immediate need. We will look to include in future budgets.

Closing Prayer 8:45

May 2019 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

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

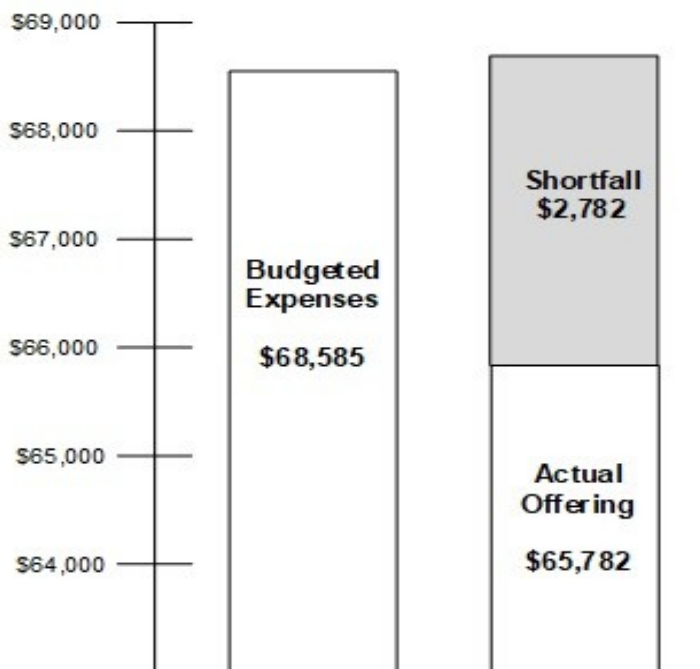
The numbers through the end of May showed a combined shortfall in the General and Building Funds of \$2,782 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings.

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 May we did not have to take anything from our building savings account to meet expenses.

Budget Numbers for May 2019

Covers 21 Sundays
Combined General and Building Funds



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.

Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Bank— July 6th

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 be begin. **Please mark your calendars for a vote to be taken after our July 14, 2019 Sunday Service. If there are questions in the meantime, please contact Velinda Johnson.**



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

Sub and Pretzel Sandwich Sale

We will be holding a sub and sandwich sale to benefit the 2020 Back Bay Mission Trip. The subs will be \$5.50 and the pretzel sandwiches will cost \$5. Order forms are due July 21st and pick up will be from 4-6 on July 31st. Return your order forms to Kim and Ashley Criswell



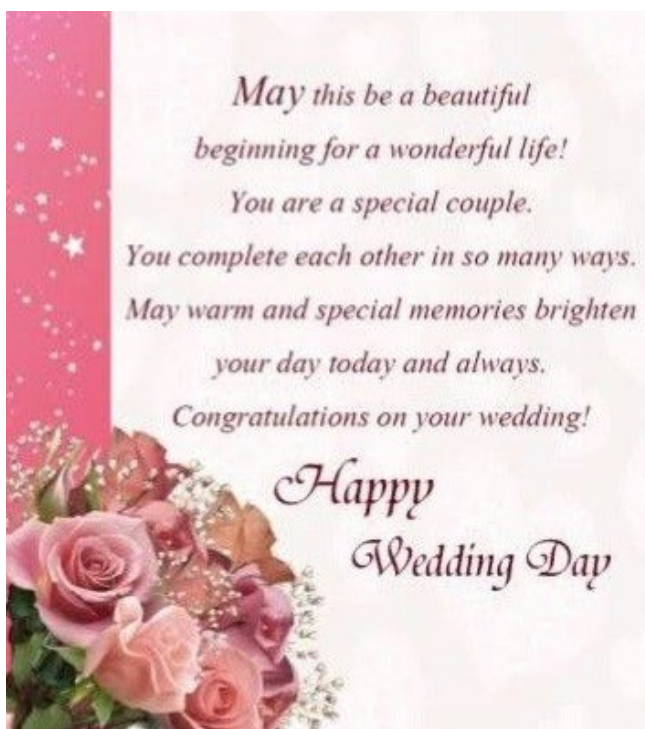
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Church Picnic—July 28

Come out to our annual church picnic which will be held on **Sunday, July 28 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. Here are the directions:
Newsletter articles for August due July 19th



Anthony and Taylor

Who were united in marriage on June 21st
May God Bless them as they journey thru life
together.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: The Worship Committee met May 22 to plan the subjects for Sunday worship for the summer:

July 7th	Genesis
July 14th	Communion
July 21st	Pastor Rick at Retreat - Volunteers
needed for service - worship committee will coordinate	
July 28th	Church Picnic

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



Faith & Family Night!

THAT'S Real TIME



Presented by:




POST-GAME FIREWORKS!

Presented By: Reinhart

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Gates Open 5:30 p.m.
Game Starts 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate your faith with the Revolution!

- ▶ A night for the community and local religious organizations to come together
- ▶ Family fun activities!
- ▶ A dazzling post-game fireworks show launched from center field

Complete & Return to:
Aly Slough | alyough@yorkrevolution.com | 717-801-4477
5 Brooks Robinson Way, York, PA 17401 | Fax: 717-801-4499

Return Orders by: July 5th

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Package Order: # _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____
(Field Box Ticket)

_____ x \$14.00 = \$ _____
(Pickup w/ Food Voucher)

Total: _____

Payment Information:

* Payment by check:
Make checks payable to "York Revolution"
A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

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Visit: YorkRevolution.com/GroupEvents
OR
Call Aly for more details
717-801-4477

SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS! We all have those socks that do not match another sock. Never sure what happens to them -- perhaps there is a sock thief. Socks are being collected and will be given to persons less fortunate than us. Please donate clean socks and



strengthening neighborhoods,
seeking justice,
transforming lives



Dear Rick,

It was not in her plan that her husband would get laid off from a job he has had for over a decade and then not be able to find steady sustainable employment. Sure, they had a little savings for a rainy day, but it was pouring. He was working odd jobs, part-time jobs, whatever he could find while he was looking to replace the job that was taken out from under him. She was doing the best she could by working two jobs to keep them afloat. Times were hard.

This family came to Back Bay Mission. They were proud and hated to ask for help but it came down to keeping the electricity on or getting food for their family. They heard Back Bay Mission had a Client Choice Food Pantry. They never asked for help before. The case manager was able to assure them that this is what Back Bay Mission is for, to assist people in their time of need. That is what you do when you donate to Back Bay Mission. You assist people in their time of need. Due to your donations the case manager was able to provide them with food and pay their utility bill. The family was elated. The good news did not stop there, the husband found out that he would be starting a new job in a couple of weeks that had decent pay and good benefits for him and his family. With the help you provided this family through your donation they were able to survive until that next opportunity.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice M. Graham".

Rev. Alice Graham, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Back Bay Mission

Special Dates

July Birthdays

July 2nd	Connie Miller Melissa Forry
July 6th	Fred Henderson
July 7th	Deb Stough
July 8th	Mary Brungard
July 14th	Gloria Markle
July 15th	Tyler McCarron
July 20th	Lorrie Bechtel Luann Markle
July 21st	Larry Hoffman
July 27st	Wendell Harper



July 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.
- Judy G.
- Kathaleen R.
- Bud and Wendy B.
- Ed D.
- Claude R. Family
- Evelyn Thomn
- Stu Markel Family
- Dennis F.
- Joellyn S.
- Kelly A.
- Emma H.



2019 Altar Guild Schedule

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 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.



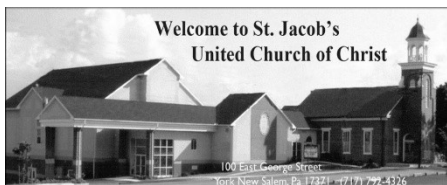
ALTAR GUILD

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30am Sund. 10:30am Wor 11pm Pastor	Jul 1	2 6pm Day Car	3	4	5	6 9am Food Pai
7 9:30am Sund. 10:30am Wor	8	9 6pm ELC teach	10	11 6:30pm Cub S	12	13
14 Summer Co 9:30am Sund. 10:30am Wor	15 6:30pm Scou 7pm Consisto	16	(11:00pm) Pastor's Silent Retreat			20 News letter
21 Pastor's Silent Retreat 9:30am Sund. 10:30am Wor	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 11am Church	29	30	31 4pm Sandwic	Aug 1	2	3 9am Food Pai

Schedule of Events

- July 2nd - ELC Board Meeting 6pm
- July 6th - Food Pantry @ 9am
- July 9th- ELC Teachers @ 6pm
- July 11th - Cub Scout Parent/Leader Meeting @ 6:30
- July 14th - Summer Communion 10:30am
- July 15th - Scouts Meet @ 6:30pm
Consistory Meeting @ 7pm
- July 19th - Newsletter Articles Due
- July 21st - Sandwich Sale Orders are DUE
- July 28th - Church Picnic @ Penn Grove 11am
- July 30th - Young st Heart
- July 31st - Sandwich Order PICKUP 4-6pm



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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