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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,

Today I have circumnavigated the sun one more time. I'm not sure of its significance since all of us on Earth do the same.

However, I am taking this time to reflect. What is more important in life? Quality or quantity? Which is better for growing in wisdom? Failure or success? What is most important? Positive relationships or material things?

I don't have answers—but lots more questions, the “Why?” question is the difficult one to answer.—Probably because I don't have all the information (and never will). It would be wise of me (first time for everything) to just ‘let it go’. That's hard and time consuming.

I have realized an interesting paradigm: I've grown more from failures than anything else. They help me to deal with reality. And, I've learned I don't accept some advice I get. It's, as if, I need to prove someone, something wrong.—E.g. I was not ‘college material’ (H.S. Guidance Department). Therefore, I made it to the 23rd grade.

I am sharing this in the Spirit of Lent—a time to look inward—a time to re-examine life. We don't need to repeat our past history.—That's all thanks to God who allows all of us to live by divine, unconditional love.

So, take some time to sit and reflect—time to look at your own life situation.—Time to ask—“Where do I go from here?” and time to “dump” what you don't need so you have room to move forward.

That's the Spirit of Lent.—letting go. (or as we used to say “giving up” for Lent) of whatever keeps you from being your real self.

I'm going to take my own advice. I have some “stuff” to dump—some more growing to do. God willing, I'll have a good number of circumnavigations to work on “me”.

Blessing to all,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. —
Psalm 143:8

Welcome to March St. Jacobs family!

Our weather seems to be a bit crazy but there are moments of sunshine and during those moments of sunshine our flowers are being nourished just as the sunshine gives us hope that spring is around the corner. There are so many wonderful events that our church families were able to attend in February with movie nights and a dinner dance then onto the challenge of a bingo night. March has some fantastic events we have a Texas Roadhouse dinner night on March 6th they always have wonderful food. Then we have our Easter Egg hunting for our children which is always a blast for our youngsters. On Palm Sunday Bob and the choir will be leading us in our praising the Lord with beautiful music. So please take a moment and come and join us.

As you have seen in the last couple of weeks we seem to have a drip from our roof we have had three roofing companies out to take and look and they are working at giving us some estimates as to what and how they will make repairs. Once we receive their estimates and suggestions, we will review them to see what is the best option and will present it to the Congregation.

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

February Consistory Meeting Notes

- Worship Committee met on 1/24 and discussed the Lent Season. Next Meeting will be on March 24th and they will be discussing Holy Week.
- Easter Flowers are being taken care of
- Pastor's Relations Committee will be meeting on 3/21
- Joint Consistory went well. One of the things discussed was going to Borough to see where both churches can help the community.
- Pastor Rick—Many members have been in the hospital lately. Cards are greatly appreciated.
- When a new Pastor is found, Pastor Rick's last Sunday will be the new Pastor's first Sunday.
- Currently seeking volunteers for those who would help with the sound system.
- The Sweetheart Dinner & Dance was successful. \$640.00 was made.
- The upper level emergency light have been replaced.
- A new floor cleaner was purchased. Thank you to Wendell for coming in to train on how to use it. If you have not been trained on it, please do not use it.
- Currently, we are having companies to come take a look at the leak in the roof to give estimates on how much it will cost to repair.
- Heather is e-mail the York Association to let them know our church is available for them to use to hold banquets and other events.

St. Jacob's United Church of Christ

100 E. George St., York New Salem, PA 17371

Join Us For Lent.

"Let This Be Our Prayer"

Lenten Themes

February 18—Communion

March 11—Healing Service

March 25—Palm Sunday; Cantata

March 29—Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm; Meal/Communion

March 30—Good Friday: UCC Stations of the Cross 7 pm

April 1—Easter Sunrise 7 am; Breakfast 8 am; No Sunday School;

Communion—10:30 am

Do you want to Fast for Lent?

Fast From

♡ Hurting words and say kind words ♡

♡ Sadness and be filled with gratitude ♡

♡ Anger and be filled with patience ♡

♡ Pessimism and be filled with hope ♡

♡ Worries and have trust in God ♡

♡ Complaints and contemplate simplicity ♡

♡ Pressures and be prayerful ♡

♡ Bitterness and fill your heart with joy ♡

♡ Selfishness and be compassionate to others ♡

♡ From grudges and be reconciled ♡

♡ Words and be silent so you can listen ♡

January 2018 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

The chart below shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the first month of 2017.

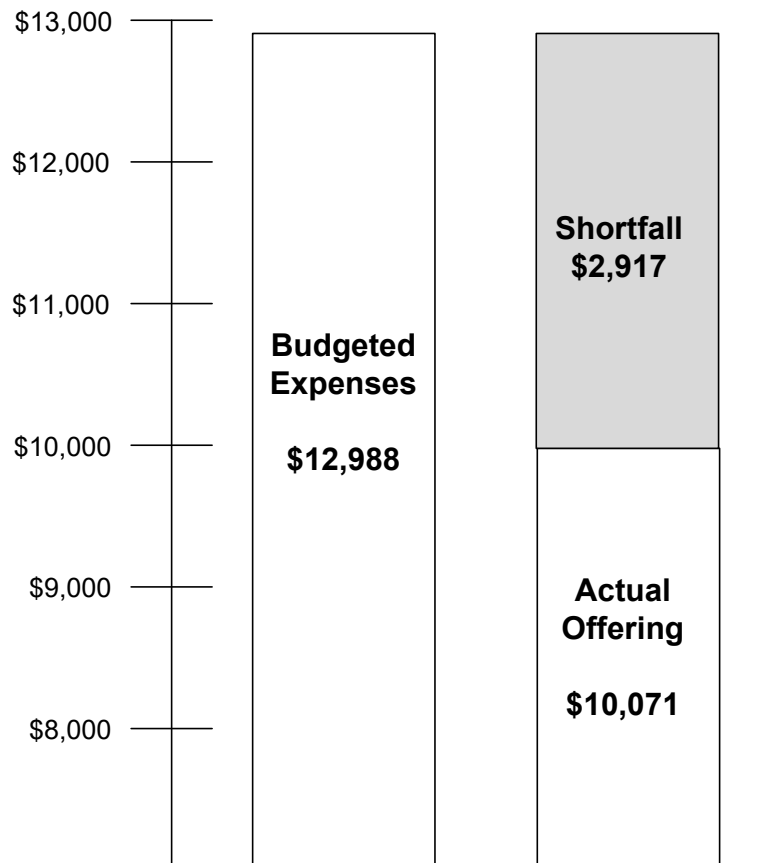
The numbers through the end of January showed a combined shortfall in the General and Building Funds of \$2,917 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings. Most of this shortfall can be attributed to inclement weather we had for several Sundays in January.

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

Budget Numbers for January 2018

Covers 4 Sundays
Combined General and Building Funds



Letter from Back Bay Mission

Dear St. Jacobs UCC (York New Salem),

Thank you for your generous gift to Back Bay Mission! Your gift to our food pantry provides people with the resources they need to make it through tough times and get back on their feet.

People like Mr. Allen.

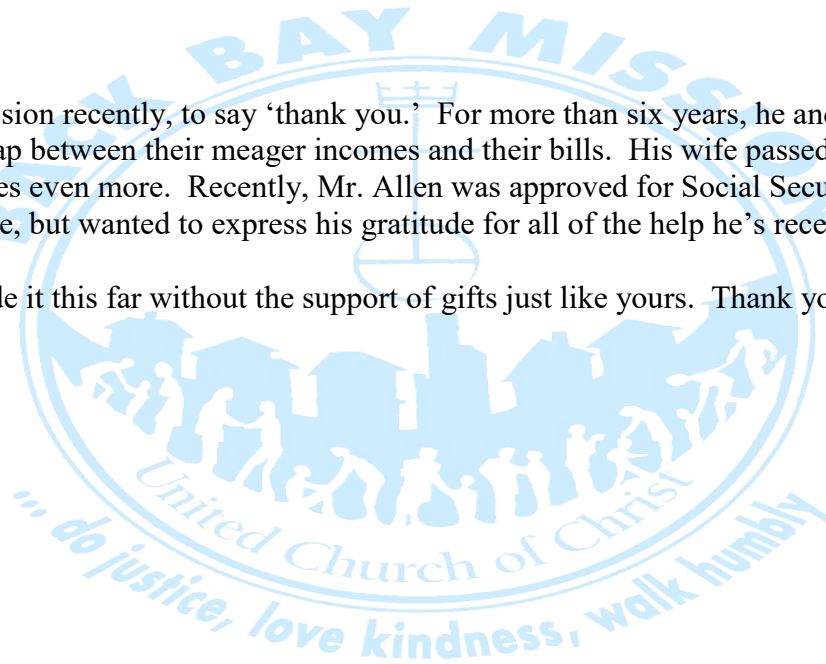
Mr. Allen stopped by the Mission recently, to say 'thank you.' For more than six years, he and his wife relied on our food pantry to make up the gap between their meager incomes and their bills. His wife passed away a year ago, forcing him to stretch his resources even more. Recently, Mr. Allen was approved for Social Security benefits. He won't need the Food pantry anymore, but wanted to express his gratitude for all of the help he's received.

Mr. Allen wouldn't have made it this far without the support of gifts just like yours. Thank you!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Alice Graham, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Date of Gift: 1/19/2018
Amount Received: \$319.00



Letter from United Church of Christ

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your gift of \$4,700.00 received on 12/25/2017 to support Hurricane 2017 Relief Efforts, designated for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma & Maria. Your donation will help address the emergency now, as well as the long-term recovery that will be needed to get communities restored and people back into their homes. We are asking for prayers for everyone impacted by the storms, and for your continued support as the long-term recovery take shape.

On behalf of the United Church of Christ, thank you! Thank you for being inspired by God's grace, for partnering with us in loving our neighbors and uniting with us to build a just world for all.

Faithfully,

Nichole M. Collins
Associate Director, Annual Giving and Special Events
Office of Philanthropy and Stewardship

Back Bay Mission Trip Challenge

On September 9th to the 15th this year we are going on our second mission trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS (leaving on September 8th and returning on September 16th).

We are looking for extra support from church members this time around to help cover the cost of the trip. The total cost is estimated to be about \$14,500 for a group of 16.

Breaking that down to more manageable numbers gives:

Cost per Day	\$1,450
or	
Cost per person	\$900
or	
Cost per mile	\$6.50

Our challenge to the congregation is this: for those who can, to give \$5 a week from now until we leave on the mission trip. The challenge started on February 4th and will continue until we leave on the trip, which means there will be 31 weeks of giving. If 50 members give \$5 a week for those 31 weeks we will raise \$7,750 toward the trip, more than half of what we need to cover our expenses.

So the members of the mission team are asking all of you to prayerfully consider participating in this challenge. And for those who are curious – yes this includes members of the team going to Biloxi, several of whom started giving before the challenge was put out to the rest of the congregation.

Thank you,

Back Bay Mission Team 2018

Important Info regarding Elevator

Due to new regulations, the call button in the elevator has been programmed to call the company that services our elevator. This is so that if you should need help in the elevator, a live person will answer and dispatch help if needed.

With that said, if the button is accidentally pressed, please DO NOT just walk away. Please wait until the person comes on the line and let them know to disregard. If you do not answer, they will dispatch 911.



One Great Hour of Sharing

As the “One Great Hour of Sharing” approaches, please read the article below to see what your contribution does with this great program!

What makes a house a home?

A house is a structure with some walls, a roof, doors and windows. The house becomes a home when it is a place where you can feel safe and loved. When you’re at home, you can let your guard down. You can relax and rest.

Sometimes, though, a house isn’t really a home. That was certainly the case for Roger Doris and his family. They built their house in Haiti’s Northwest Department in 1989. It was a traditional mud-and-stick house, like so many in Haiti are. In 2000 and 2001, they renovated their home to replace the mud walls with concrete blocks and added a tin roof. It was definitely a home.

Then Hurricane Matthew hit in late 2016. As the wind pounded on the house and the rain poured down. Extensive damage was done to Roger’s house. The walls shook and cracked. The wood support columns—which weren’t particularly sturdy to start with—were damaged badly.

Overnight, that house was stripped of being a home. The family still lived there, but they were afraid. They didn’t know how much longer the house would stand. That sense of security was gone. There was no more peace of mind, and no way to let down their guard.

We responded to help Roger and his family build a new house. Roger had training as an iron worker and carpenter, so he teamed up with professional masons to work on the new house. His family provided funds to pay for the new foundation and food for the workers. They also received seeds to plant so that the family would have a food and income source.

Now, the family has a house where they can feel safe. The house has a strong foundation and sturdy support columns made of rebar. More than that, everyone has peace of mind. It is truly a home.

Roger describes the house as a “miracle.” he doesn’t live in fear anymore.

Each of God’s children is loved. Each one deserves to be safe and protected, too, no matter where they live. Our neighbors in Haiti needed us when their security was taken away, and we were there to help. Thank you for your support of our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study—Tuesdays, Every Week

During this Lenten Season, we will be exploring the Gospel of Mark.—Bring your Bibles (and stuff to take notes!) every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. We will begin on the 20th of February and (hopefully) finish on the 27th of March. All are welcome.—We meet in the lower level conference room.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser—Tuesday, March 6th

You are invited to dine with Texas Roadhouse to support our 2018 Mission Trip on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 3-10 pm! Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your net check to us when you present the server with the invitation! You can find this invitation on the desk outside the church office and on our Facebook page. We hope to see you there!!

Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, March 24th

On March 24th, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt starting at 11:00 am. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place rain or shine and is for ages starting at 1 year old up to 6th grade. There will be a special visit from the Easter Bunny and a snack that includes: hot dogs, chips, and punch! So mark your calendars and make sure you hop on by!



Easter Candy Sale

We will once again be doing an Easter Candy Sale to benefit the 2018 Back Bay Mission Trip. Please fill out an order form sitting outside the sanctuary and return it to Ashley or Kim Criswell by March 18th the orders will be ready for pick up at the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th.

Blood Drive—Tuesday, March 6th

On March 6th, St. Jacob's Early Learning Center will be hosting a Blood drive from 3pm-7pm in the fellowship hall. One person donating save 3 lives!! On your way home from work, swing by to help save lives!



Young at Heart—Tuesday, March 20th

The Young at Heart group will be meeting at the church on Tuesday, March 20th at 10:00 am to fill Easter Eggs.



Spring Clean-Up Cemetery—Friday, March 9th

Spring clean-up will be taking place soon. Please remove everything you to keep off the Cemetery by March 9th. Anything that is left will be discarded.

Miller Plant Farm & Joe Corbi's Fundraiser April 2nd-13th

Starting April 2 thru April 13th, the St. Jacob's Early Learning Center will be holding their annual Spring Fundraiser for Miller's Plant Farm & Joe Corbi's. Orders will be available for pick up on May 11th which is right before Mother's Day. It's a perfect opportunity to get the special ladies in your life beautiful flowers or a great way to start your garden this year! And while you are working hard on your garden, you can take a break and enjoy some delicious pizza from Joe Corbi's. So keep a look out for the order forms that will be posted on the Early Learning Center's bulletin board!

P.A. Dutch Dinner—Saturday, April 21st

The P.A. Dutch Dinner will be on Saturday April 21st. The 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. Dinner and there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Newsletter articles for April due by March 21st.

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Chicken BBQ—Saturday, May 5th

We will be holding a Chicken BBQ Dinner on May 5th to benefit the Back Bay Mission Trip. Dinners will be available for pick-up starting at 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Dinners include 1/2 chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, and roll. All for only \$9.00! Call the church office or see Kim Criswell to reserve your chicken dinner NOW! Last day to reserve your dinners is April 29th. Dinners are pre-orders only.



Vendor & Grocery Bingo

On May 19, 2018 we will be having a Vendor & Grocery Bingo. Vendors include Origami Owl, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple and others! Grocery prizes will also be offered for some games. All prizes will have a \$50 minimum. Ticket price is \$22.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. The ticket price includes 20 games of bingo and door prizes. A light meal with drinks and dessert is also included in the ticket. Doors open at 4:30 pm and bingo starts at 6pm. All proceeds from this event will support our September 2018 mission trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS. For tickets, please call the church office at (717)792-4326.



Homeless at Back Bay

HELP!

THE HOMELESS AT BACK BAY....during our trip to Back Bay, we discovered, as with many cities in our country, there is a considerable amount of homeless (many of which are veterans). These people are in need of personal items: (preferably small/trial size)

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| Feminine hygiene pads | Kleenex | Hand Lotion |
| Deodorant | Toothbrushes | Brushes |
| Shampoo | Toothpaste | Wet Wipes |
| Soap | Combs | |

A storage bin has been placed in the area outside the sanctuary for donations. Thank you!!



Newsletter articles for April due by March 21st.

St. Jacob's Early Learning Center

Hello March & Spring!! Can you believe we are already 3 months into 2018! We had a nice winter so far and we are looking forward to a beautiful spring in full bloom! And of course the nice warmer days!! We have had a few already and the kiddos loved getting back outside without Jack Frost nipping at their noses!

February was quite a busy month for us and as we go into each month it only continues to get busier! In February all of our classrooms had Valentine's Day parties in which, of course, the children absolutely loved. Most of our classes had the children create their very own Valentine's Day Mailbox; we had robots, unicorns, super heroes, and all sorts of wonderful creative designs! The children had a wonderful time passing out their Valentine's cards to their classmates! Also, in February, we had a Chocolate Covered Strawberries Fundraiser that was a HUGE success and we will most certainly do it again next year.

Lastly, in February, we added a wonderful teacher to our St. Jacob's ELC family, Ms. Lauren. Ms. Lauren has 3 beautiful children and a B.A. in Christian Ministries from Messiah College. Ms. Lauren has worked in previous Preschools as well as a Camp Pastor. She will be one of our co-teachers in our Older Toddler room and will also be working on implementing the Faith Connection that Ms. Michele & Ms. Bev created while working on curriculum over the summer.

As we enter March, we have so many wonderful things continuing to happen within our Center. On March 2nd we are having free vision testing for our kiddos from 2 years old to 6 years old. On March 6th, the Center is hosting a Blood Drive for Center Pennsylvania Blood Bank from 3pm-7pm. If you can, swing on by to give the gift of life by donating blood. If you donate you will receive 2 free admission tickets to the Harrisburg Comedy Club! Lastly in March, we will be having our classroom Easter Egg Hunt on March 29th. If you would like to donate candy, please see Michele Harper.

Finally, some words of inspiration, to give us all a spring "boost" - from George Bernard Shaw, an Irish playwright: **"Man does not cease to play because he grows old, he grows old because he ceases to play."** As adults we seem to always take things so serious and sometimes forget how important it is to just have fun for a few minutes. Everyone's definition of fun is different; maybe yours is driving around in our car with the radio blaring and singing and dancing along, sitting down and coloring with your kids or grandkids, or telling stories with friends. Whatever it is, remember to have a little bit of fun each day!

Love and Light,

St. Jacob's UCC Early Learning Center

P.S. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual Joe Corbi's/Miller's Plant Farm Fundraiser that will start on April 2nd!

Special Dates

March Birthdays

March 01	Merissa Hamilton
March 03	Erin Claycomb
March 05	Linda Wolfe
March 06	Brianna Yost
March 11	Lori Clark
March 14	Emily Forry
March 19	Rilynn McClary
March 21	Nichole Shubert
March 22	Sam Wagaman Brian Wagaman
March 23	John Stough
March 24	Holly Geiple
March 26	Loretta Landis
March 27	Corey Markle
March 28	Richard Forry Eugene (Buddy) Goodling
March 29	Linda Claycomb
March 30	Patti Piety
March 31	John Eyster II

March Anniversaries

March 07	Bradley & Joyce Sheridan
March 16	Rich & Melissa Forry
March 28	Earle & Linda Wolfe



P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- The family of Brandon G.
- Gary H.
- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Claude R. & Family
- LeAnn S.
- Dave W.
- Cindy S.
- Denis A.W.
- Mikey B.
- Louann H.
- Gwen B.
- Ricky F.
- The family of Bryan T.D. Jr.
- Kaylie
- Daisy and Glen D.
- Kathleen R.
- Lane
- The family of "Flo"





2018 Altar Guild Schedule

March – Kathryn Forry & Heather Kuhn—Communion on the 29th

April – Amy Meyer & Wendy Bubb—Communion on the 1st

May – Doris Goodling & Lou Ann Markle— Communion on the 20th

June – Mary Brungard & Janet Hengst

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

August – Cassandra Delaronde & Velinda Johnson

September – Deneen Harbold & Dorine Hagarman

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

November – Lynn & Scott Becker—Communion on the 4th

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



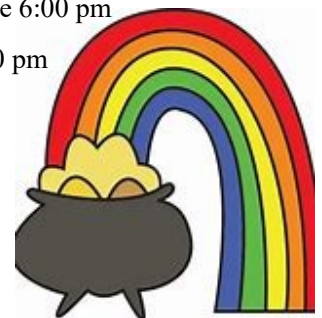
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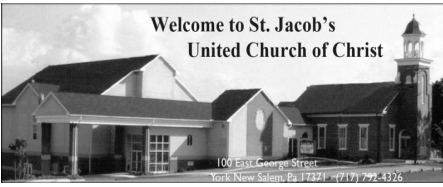
March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Choir 7:00 pm	2	3 Food Pantry 9-11am
4	5 CDA Class 6:00 pm	6 Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser 3:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	7	8 Choir 7:00 pm	9	10
11	12 CDA Class 6:00 pm	13 ELC Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00pm	14	15 Choir 7:00 pm	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17 Soup Sale 10:00 am-Noon
18 BBM Planning Meeting after Church Easter Candy Order Forms Due	19 CDA Class 6:00 pm Consistory 7:00 pm	20 ELC Board Meeting 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	21	22 Choir 7:00 pm	23	24 Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am
25	26 CDA Class 6:00 pm	27 Bible Study 7:00 pm	28	29 Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm	30 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm	

Schedule of Events

- March 1—Choir 7:00 pm
- March 3—Food Pantry 9-11am
- March 5—ELC CDA Class 6:00 pm
- March 6—Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser 3:00 pm; Bible Study 7:00 pm
- March 8—Choir 7:00 pm
- March 12—ELC CDA Class 6:00 pm
- March 13—ELC Staff Meeting 6:00 pm; Bible Study 7:00 pm
- March 15—Choir 7:00 pm
- March 16—Newsletter Articles Due
- March 17—Soup Sale 10:00 am to Noon
- March 18—BBM Planning Meeting After Church; Easter Candy Order Forms Due
- March 19—ELC CDA Class 6:00 pm, Consistory 7:00 pm
- March 20—ELC Board Meeting 6:00 pm; Bible Study 7:00 pm
- March 22—Choir 7:00 pm
- March 24—Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 am
- March 26—ELC CDA Class 6:00 pm
- March 27—Bible Study 7:00 pm
- March 29—Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm
- March 30—Good Friday Service 7:00 pm





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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