

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 ...

Obviously, it's happening. Stores, including the on-line ones, are pushing the Holidays as if they are here tomorrow. Some folks are already jammed with party dates - like office parties. Others are spending too much and will reap overloaded credit card debt.

Unfortunate as it is for those who get bogged down with multi "to-do" list and those who fully "Buy-In" to the commercialization of the season, are those who have nothing or no one.

This is the time of year when suicides climb, when depression takes a bigger bite of peoples lives. The hungry - whose numbers increase at this time of year- get hungrier. And the cold doesn't care if you don't have a coat or blanket.

When I was growing up, I heard the story of "The Little Match Girl" A short story about a poor girl selling matches to stay alive. Because the well-to-do ignored her - she used her last matches to keep from freezing. When the matches were gone, she froze.

Maybe - no - not maybe - lets just step back and look around. Who are my brothers and sisters this time of year? Who is my new neighbor? How much can I "X" off my schedule so that I have time & energy for the meaningful things this season.

Commit yourself to living and internalizing the real joy & meaning of the season: The arrival of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

We have quickly moved through the month of October and the many wonderful events we had during the month. From a successful sandwich/sub sale to a wonderfully attended dinner. Our ELC hosted an exciting Trunk or Treat that, even though it was moved inside, was an exciting event for our young people.

November is the month of Thanksgiving and we have so many things to be thankful for, our willingness to reach out and help those that surround us is just fantastic. From someone taking a moment to help another during our worship service, to members taking time away from their families and busy work schedules to travel and help others in need, and that we have caring people willing to spread God's love and word is something I am thankful for.

Sincerely,

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

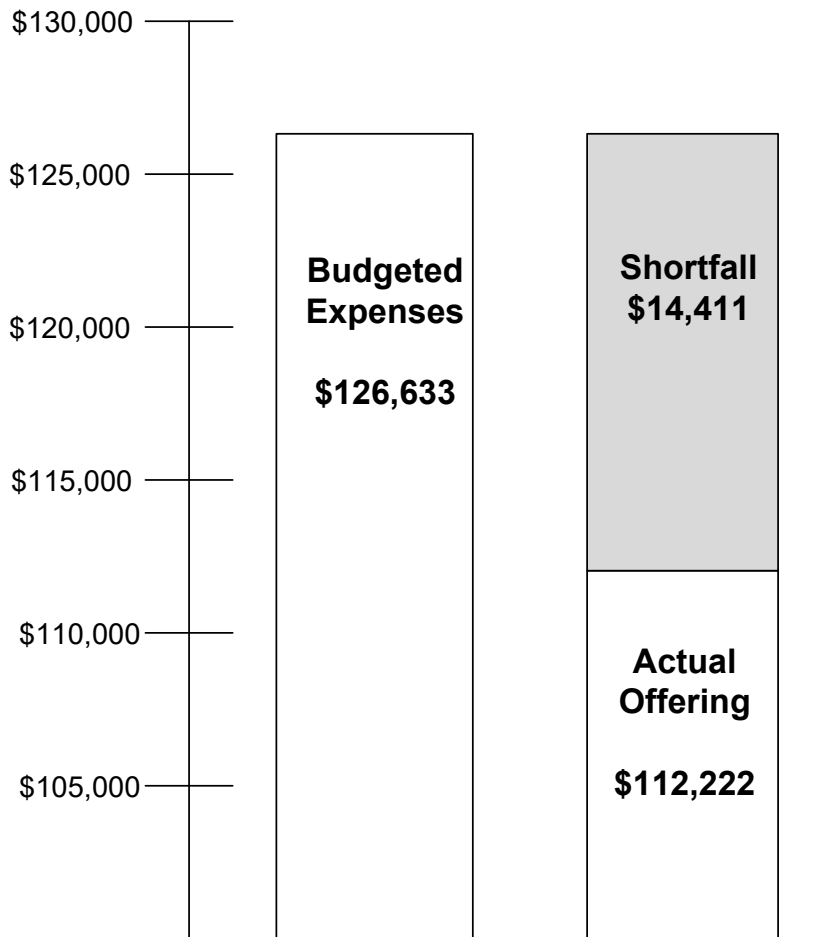


September 2018 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

Shown below is a chart which shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the nine months of 2018. The numbers through the end of June showed a combined shortfall in the General and Building Funds of \$14,411 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings. In the month of September we did not need to take anything from our building savings account to meet expenses.

Budget Numbers for September 2018

**Covers 39 Sundays
Combined General and Building Funds**



Budget update:

With many of our members and friends now returning from summer/early fall time away, please be mindful that our operating costs and expenses have been ongoing. Our latest figures through September show that month to have been a particularly challenging one. Our general and building accounts began the month with an offering and receipt budget deficit of (\$9,544), we had (\$4,867) fewer dollar offered than hoped for during the five September Sundays, and we ended the month with a deficit of (\$14,411). This deficit exceeds last year's position, when with thirteen (13) Sundays remaining our deficit was (\$8,155). Please prayerfully consider how you may help lessen our current year shortfall. Thank you!

Fellow Member of St. Jacob's UCC:

Our Search Committee has been screening profiles since 2017, hoping to find a candidate who meets our specific criteria for a 'settled' pastor. During this period of time, there were only two (2) whom the committee possibly considered submitting to the congregation; however, their paths took them into different directions.

In order to provide us with stability as the search continues, Pastor Richard R. Stuempfle has submitted a Call as a Designated-Term Pastor for a period of two (2) years. This means he is willing to serve as our part-time pastor beginning January 1, 2019. After two years, his Call as a Designated-Term Pastor may or may not be extended. At that time, another option could be for Pastor Rick to be considered for our 'settled' pastor, if that were his desire, as well as our congregation's.

The Search Committee will continue their work during this period, seeking a 'settled' pastor for St. Jacob's UCC. If during this two-year period a suitable candidate is found as our 'settled' pastor, Pastor Rick would retire.

On Sunday, November 11, 2018, a vote to accept **OR** to not accept Pastor Rick's Call as a Designated-Term Pastor will be held, immediately following our worship service.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

On that date, a quorum of 50 of the membership of St. Jacob's UCC needs to be present to proceed with a vote. Voting will be done by secret ballot. There will be a time for questions, comments, etc.

Please plan to attend. Your voice counts!

In Christ,

St. Jacob's UCC

Search Committee

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

Opening: 07:09 pm

Present: Pastor Rick, Heather, Steve, Kim, Velinda, Lloyd, Kathy

Minutes for August 2018

Motion to approve by N/A

2nd by N/A

All Approved

Treasurers Report for August 2018

Motion to approve by N/A

2nd by N/A

All Approved

Old Business

Forthcoming events discussed: Sockhop, Movie night, Pot pie dinner, pumpkin social, Christmas dinner, Hymn Sing, Commissioning Communion

New Business

Boy Scouts may be accepting girls soon, which the Lutheran church may not support

Scouts will be allowed to meet at St. Jacob's UCC if needed (no objections by board)

Dish washer may need replaced

Groundhogs discovered on property

November soup sale canceled

Alma Sailor and Wayne Laughman to be memorialized 1st Sunday of October

Discussions

Steps outside of Pastor's office a possible Eagle Scouts project

Kitchen/Hall area being left messy

Summary of wishing tree on Christmas eve

Possibility of new copier

Minutes could be published a month out

Action Steps To Be Taken

Discuss the mess in the kitchen with daycare

Wait to publish minutes until notified

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm

Motion was made by N/A

2nd by N/A

All in favor

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

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September 2018

Opening: 07:00pm

Present: Pastor Rick, Kathryn, Steve, Kim, Velinda, Eric, Llyod, Heather (late arrival)

Minutes for August 2018

Motion to approve by N/A

2nd by N/A

All Approved

Treasurers Report for August 2018

Motion to approve by Lynn

2nd by Steve

All Approved

Old Business

Alma Sailor's donation discussed, more below

Forthcoming events discussed: Move night, pot pie dinner, apple/pumpkin social, Christmas dinner, Victorian ball, trunk or treat, pumpkin roll sale, Food bank breakfast

New Business

Motion approved to apply Alma Sailor's donated money to building fund

Pastor Rick offered 2yr "termed" Pastor Agreement (approved)

 Sock-hop's coming up need advertised better/possibly try advertising them as a family friendly event

A bulletin article will be written to make the congregation aware of the deficit

Boy scouts will be meeting at St. Jacob's UCC

Discussions

 Communication with ELC should be improved

 Pastoral search committee may be suspended for 1yr

 Washer/Dryer unit for day care discussed.

 Office and ELC will work closer together to coordinate events that take place during daycare hours

Action Steps To Be Taken

 Matt will contact Justin with a list of events going forward

 Food-handout and other events will have access to hall, children will be placed behind dividers

Adjournment

 Meeting was adjourned at 08:57pm

Motion was made by Lynn

2nd by Pastor Rick

All in favor

Pastor Rick leads us in the Lords Prayer for closing.



ELC Pumpkin Roll Fundraiser:

Last year the Early Learning Center held their first Pumpkin roll fundraiser that were homemade by Dorine and Cassandra. This fundraiser was a HUGE success as they sold over 200 pumpkin rolls!!! The ELC will be having this fundraiser again and so that Dorine and Cassandra are not burning the midnight oil again, we are seeking volunteers to help assemble them on November 10th. NO BAKING/COOKING EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED! If you are interested in volunteering, please see Dorine.

Wreaths Across America:

Boy Scout Troop # 97 is gathering donations for Wreaths Across America. This is the 4th year in a row Troop #97 will be participating in this event. If you would like to make a donation for the wreath please see Tom Kuhn, Matt Hoffman, or Jay Kuhn.

Community Breakfast:

St. Jacob's Food Pantry will be hosting a breakfast on Saturday, November 10th from 8:30-10:30am at the St. Jacob's UCC fellowship hall. Please enter through lobby doors under the roof/portico. Elevator access available.

Homewood Membership Dues

Our Homewood dues membership drive is currently underway. We are asking for a \$3.00 donation. Please see Doris Goodling for details.

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!

Basket Bingo:

Mark your calendar for Basket Bingo on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Doors open at 4:30 pm and bingo begins at 6 pm. Volunteers are needed to cover all aspects of this fundraiser that benefits the building fund. Needed are sponsors, fillers, food and drink donations and most importantly volunteers to work this event. Kitchen help and attendants to sell special games and raffle tickets are always needed to help make this a successful event. Advance ticket prices are \$22.00 or \$25.00 the day of the event. Check the bulletin boards for sign up sheets and hope to see you there!

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.



Newsletter articles for Nov. due by Nov. 19th.

Special Dates

November Birthdays

November 5th Rodney McCarron
November 10th Robert Delaronde, JR.
Shelly Shurbert
November 11th Dorine Hagarman
Shawn Querry
November 15th Jay Claycomb
November 17th Scott Becker
November 21st Megan Millinger
November 23rd Tyler Johnson
Matthew Hoffman
November 26th Pat Lentz
November 28th Mario Janssen

P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

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



November Anniversaries

November 7th Tom & Heather Kuhn



2018 Altar Guild Schedule

November – Lynn & Scott Becker

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

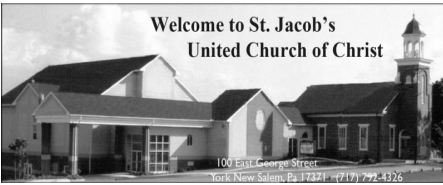


November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Food Pantry
4 All Saints Day	5 Boy Scouts Meeting	6 Boy Scouts Meeting	7 Choir Practice 7pm	8	9 Setup for Free Breakfast	10 Free Breakfast
11 Veterans Day Voting on Pastor Rick's Position	12 Boy Scouts Meeting	13 Boy Scouts Meeting	14 Choir Practice 7pm	15	16 Setup for Bingo	17 Basket Bingo
18	19 Boy Scouts Meeting Consistory	20 Boy Scouts Meeting	21	22	23 Social Hall Floor	24 Social Hall Floor
25	26	27	28 Choir Practice 7pm	29	30 Breakfast with Santa Setup	

Schedule of Events

- November 4th - All Saints Day
- November 10th - Free Breakfast
- November 16th - Setup for Basket Bingo
- November 23rd - Social Hall Floor Cleaning
- November 30th - Setup for Breakfast with Santa
- November 9th - Setup for Free Breakfast
- November 11th - Veterans Day
- November 17th - Basket Bingo
- November 24th - Social Hall Floor Cleaning



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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