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From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Greetings to all,

Is spring here yet? I'm not sure. Usually Easter comes much later than 01 April, so my schedule is out-of-whack.

That's nothing new. My schedule is usually a bit crazy. Like you, I don't know the future. Changes and problems are waiting to mess-up our future plans. How many of us have had vacations cancelled or rescheduled?

Yet, we still plan. Still try to get some control over our time. Our calendars are marked with doctor visits, hair appointments, church activities, days off and/or vacation time. They often fall away when a friend needs us or the weather derails the plans. Some times planning and scheduling is frustrating—seemingly impossible.

That being said—how does God do it? I mean, what I have is miniscule compared to running and planning for an entire creation. There are more planets in space than people on Earth. Yet, God knows everyone of us and all the planets. And God keeps everything moving on schedule—Just watch the seasons come and go.

Maybe I complain too much concerning my planning and scheduling. Perhaps I want too much control? Perhaps, I should let go and let God?

Yes, that's a wonderful idea.—Why? “Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns.”—

Blessings,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Hello St. Jacob's UCC,

Spring is upon us and even though snow pops up from time to time, our spring time flowers are beginning to bloom. I love this time of year, watching the new growth of our trees and the flowers that we planted last year starting to emerge from the winter ground. There are so many things this April month that I hope you will be able to join me and your church family. We have a Hoss's fundraiser on the 8th (make sure you have the paper referencing St. Jacob's when you go). Then on April 14th we have our "Spring Clean Up" which will start at 8am. The more hands we have to help, the faster we are able to complete our spring tasks. Lastly on the 21st of the month, we are having our Dutch Dinner. Tickets are still on sale so don't hesitate to come out and enjoy a wonderful meal that evening at 4pm.

Please remember our doors are always open and all are welcome! There are so many things we would like to share with all.

Sincerely,

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

April Consistory Meeting Notes

- The Basket Bingo that was held on February 10th had a \$5,274.44 profit
- The Texas Roadhouse received a \$66 profit
- Worship committee met on March 14th and discussed Holy Week
- Looking into the possibility of having signs throughout the borough advertising our church.
- Lower level emergencies light have been replaced.
- There will be a Bob's Evan's Fundraiser May 21-25 that will support the Back Bay Mission.
- Worship Committee will meet on April 23rd at Bob Evan's
- Sock Hop on May 12th
- Pastoral Search Committee received its 4th profile. They will be looking a little further into it prior to potentially interviewing the candidate.
- We have received 3 roof proposals. Consistory members will reanalysis each one prior to voting.
- The new Floor Scrubber was purchase for \$1,850.13 and was paid upfront by the Early Learning Center. It was proposed that the ELC cover 70% and the church cover 30%. Steve made a motion and Kathryn seconded the motion. All those that voted, voted in favor.

February 2018 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

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

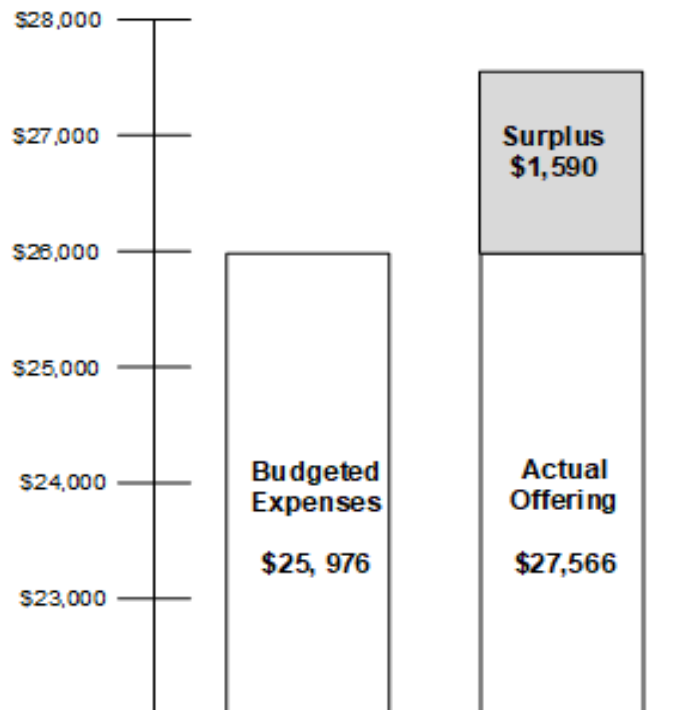
The numbers through the end of February showed a combined surplus in the General and Building Funds of \$1,590 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings. The surplus was in large part due to the successful bingo we held in February. Thanks again to everyone who contributed toward the bingo to help make it such a success.

Our Early Learning Center also paid across shared expense amounts for February / March / and April during February so that resources were available to pay higher utility and snow removal costs than we experienced last year.

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

Budget Numbers for February 2018

Covers 8 Sundays
Combined General and Building Funds



Back Bay Mission Trip Update

Back Bay Mission Trip 2018 Update

On March 18th we had our most recent planning meeting for our trip in September. We have numerous fundraisers coming up in the next few months to help cover the cost of the trip so please mark your calenders:

- April 8 Hoss's (all day)
- May 5 Chicken BBQ
- May 19 Grocery Bingo
- June 23 Chicken BBQ
- July 18 Mickey's Pizza
- April 1 thru Raffle for the print from the "Chalk Talk" at last year's
- May 19th Christmas party

Currently we have 15 people who are interested in going (ranging in age from 16 to 67), with the possibility of a few more going. One question that did come up was the cost for someone outside of our congregation who may want to go along. We would ask that those individual(s) cover the cost of the per person fee from Back Bay Mission, which is \$250.

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.

Our challenge is still in place for the congregation: 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 – 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).

Our next meeting will be at Hoss's on April 8th following our worship service.

Thank you for your dedication and support,

The Back Bay Mission Team

Search Committee Update

The search committee has received and reviewed its fourth pastor profile. This profile has spoken to us in a way no other has yet and we will be reaching out for some additional information before we proceed.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Serving Others, Serving Jesus

Luisa knows the land. She has lived near El Panama, Nicaragua for most of her 34 years. She is teaching her two sons to know the land. Luisa also sees the land changing. Rising temperatures and shifting rainfall patterns make the hard work of farming even harder.

In 2015, Luisa joined a 5-year agricultural project through the Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua (CEPAD). With farmers like Luisa, CEPAD is working for holistic change.

On her 1.5 acres, Luisa has improved soil quality with manure and mulch. Drip-irrigation techniques provide consistent water. Luisa has already increased her harvest, but she is more excited about the project's future potential.

Her first focus is seeds. Training in seed selection enabled her to plant quality seeds, which she preserved and catalogued for next season and is sharing with her neighbors.

Luisa's hopes stretch farther than next season, though. She hopes the added income will fund her sons' educations to become professionals. At the same time, she is teaching them the land is part of their future—they are responsible for protecting the spring on their property.

With support from CEPAD and One great Hour of Sharing, Luisa is planting seeds that will bear abundant fruit for today, tomorrow, and years to come. With God's help, these seeds will bear far more than we imagine.



**Exciting
UPCOMING
EVENTS**

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

The St. Jacob's Early Learning Center will be holding their annual Spring Fundraiser for Miller's Plant Farm & Joe Corbi's starting NOW until April 13th. 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. Order forms for both are located on the Bulletin Board outside the fellowship hall.

Hoss's Fundraiser—Sunday, April 8th

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 8th to join us at Hoss's Steak and Sea House in West York for a Back Bay Mission Fundraiser. You will need to present your waiter/waitress with the Hoss's card which you can find located outside the sanctuary. See you there!

Spring Clean-Up—Saturday, April 14th

On Saturday, April 14th starting at 8am, we will be doing our annual Spring Clean-up! The more hands we have to help the sooner we are able to get everything done! So come on out and join us wipe away the cob webs and also have some laughs!!

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.

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.

Help Support Emmaleigh Hagarman & Hanover USA Swim Team



Emmaleigh Hagarman has been swimming for many years now and last year she joined the Hanover YMCA USA Swim Team. In her short time of being with the Hanover USA Swim Team, Emmaleigh has reached her best times in some of her swimming strokes. She also made it to the YMCA District Swimming Competition. Emmaleigh could not be more grateful about being apart of such an amazing team.

This year is the first year that the Hanover Area YMCA has had a team of USA swimmers and to help support the program the Swim Team is having 2 upcoming fundraising events to help raise money for meet entries, equipment and team apparel.

Hanover Area YMCA Stingrays Swim-A-Thon

On Saturday May 5, 2018 the Hanover Area YMCA Stingrays is having a Swim-A-Thon in which Emmaleigh is participating in. Emmaleigh will swim for about 1.5 hours or approximately 140-150 laps. The entire swim team's fundraising goal is \$9,750. If you would like to help support Emmaleigh and the Swim Team, you can make a donation. The YMCA is a non-profit group, therefore, these donations are tax deductible.

If you would like to support the Swim-A-Thon and Emmaleigh, please see Emmaleigh to make your donation. Checks can be made payable to the "Hanover YMCA". Any donation is greatly appreciated by Emmaleigh!

Hanover Area YMCA USA Swim Team Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, April 28, 2018 the Hanover USA Swim Team is hosting a pancake breakfast between 7am and 12pm at Trinity Church in East Berlin located at 117 W. King St., East Berlin, PA. The breakfast is ALL YOU CAN EAT pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee! All for ONLY \$6.00 per person!

The swimmers themselves will be working hard that day cooking, serving and cleaning up to raise money for their team. At the breakfast you can also enjoy a bake sale, raffle baskets, and the East Berlin Community Center Yard Sale! If you can, we would love to have you join us!

Special Dates

April Birthdays

April 03	Tim Forry
	Betsy Eyster
April 05	Matthew Harbold
April 06	Oscar Peralta
April 10	Lynn Markle
April 16	Amy Meyer
April 17	Jonathan Wilhide
	Dan Wise
April 18	Jeffrey Washington
April 19	Steven Goodling
April 22	Cole Goodling
April 24	Tom McCarron
April 27	Emmaleigh Hagarman



April Anniversaries

April 19	Regina & Jason Rothrock
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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

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—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

April showers

Bring May flowers



April 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Easter Dawn Service 7am Easter Breakfast 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am	2 ELC CDA 6pm	3	4	5 Choir 7pm	6	7 Food Pantry 9am
8 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Hoss's Fundraiser	9 ELC CDA 6pm	10 ELC Staff Meeting 6pm	11	12 Choir 7pm	13	14 Spring Clean Up 8am
15 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am	16 ELC CDA 6pm Consistory 7pm	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19 Choir 7pm	20 Dutch Dinner Setup	21 Dutch Dinner 4pm
22 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am York Association Celebration Banquet	23 ELC CDA 6pm	24	25	26 Choir 7pm	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am	30 ELC CDA 6pm					

Schedule of Events

- April 1—Easter Dawn Service 7am; Easter Breakfast 8am; Sunday School 9:30am; Worship Service 10:30am
- April 2—ELC CDA Class 6pm
- April 5—Choir 7pm
- April 7—Food Pantry 9-11am
- April 8—Sunday School 9:30am; Worship Service 10:30am; Hoss's Fundraiser
- April 9—ELC CDA Class 6pm
- April 10—ELC Staff Meeting 6pm
- April 12—Choir 7pm
- April 14—Spring Clean Up 8am
- April 15—Sunday School 9:30am; Worship Service 10:30am
- April 16—ELC CDA Class 6pm
- April 18—Newsletter Articles Due
- April 19—Choir 7pm
- April 20—Dutch Dinner Setup
- April 21—Dutch Dinner 4pm
- April 22—Sunday School 9:30am; Worship Service 10:30am; York Association Celebration Banquet
- April 23—ELC CDA Class 6:00 pm
- April 26—Choir 7pm
- April 29—Sunday School 9:30am; Worship Service 10:30am
- April 30—ELC CDA Class 6pm

WORD SEARCH!

SPRING CLEANING

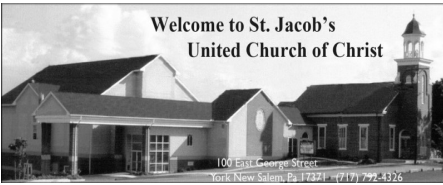
FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS ON THE LIST...WORDS MAY BE FOUND ACROSS, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY
--FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, AND SOMETIMES OVERLAPPING. HAVE FUN!

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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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