

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 everyone,

I spent an hour this week listening to Leonard Cohen sing his own songs. It was a different experience because we usually hear other people singing his songs - like Judy Collins.

His voice is low and a bit gravelly, but clear. His words are deep. (Listen to his most popular song - "Alleluia" - a broken alleluia. He does not fall into any musical category. In his collective style there is jazz, rock, folk and even classical. In his verses, his faith comes through, not as a surface praise song, but as a studied man of scripture.

This is where he catches me: Faith is how we live. Faith is found in our relationships - even negative ones. Even in very intimate ones. Cohen refuses to "box" his religion. For me, that's how it should be. Our faith needs to be part of everyday life - not just Sunday morning.

Cohen pushes this to the limit. In doing so, he ends up where he began: Love. Love is the nature of God. Love is the core in our relationships. Without love all falls apart into despair and hopelessness.

You can find Cohen on YouTube and CD's. Listen, if you will, how he integrates faith into everyday situations. In his song "There ain't no cure for love" he tells us how and why.

Blessings,

*Pastor Rick*

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## *From the Desk of Consistory President*

*1 Peter 1:13*

*Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.*

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

August is here and we are ramping up on some exciting times. Pastor Rick and Cindy will be taking a wonderful and exciting vacation, so for those two Sunday's Kathryn Forry and Scott Becker will be leading our worship, and both have exciting messages for us. Then we have the beginning of school right around the corner and the excitement of new challenges are keeping our students and teachers on the edge of their seats. The finishing touches for our mission group our taking place and thoughts of packing have begun. Don't forget if you have travel size soaps, shampoos and other items they are still collecting them. Our pantry area has some new shelving and has been rearranged just a bit. A huge thank you to Lynn and Corey Markle for all you did with the shelving and moving things into place. Our Day Care cooks then organized the items and checked dates on the items, making sure things were current. They did need to throw a few things away that they found with expired dates on them. Our Boy Scouts had an amazing week at scout camp. Thank you to all that donated to the troop giving them the chance to have this adventure. I hope you have been able to enjoy an adventure this summer, or, maybe you have a planned adventure coming up.

Sincerely,

*Heather Kuhn*

Consistory President

### **July Consistory Meeting Notes**

- Summary of Pastor's activities passed out and discussed
- Possibility of a visitation committee forming
- Scott and Kathryn will be covering Pastor's vacation
- Pastor Lisa will cover spiritual issues over Pastor Rick's vacation
- Discussed volunteering closer to home, specifically helping veterans here in York
- 2nd interview of Pastoral Candidate is forthcoming
- An arbitrary \$2,000 limit placed on Pastoral Search out of town activities (Travel, Lodging, time, food ect)
- July roof repair cost totaled \$1,400
- Back Bay Mission funds are now at \$11,572
- The lion's club dinner raised \$487 for the building account
- We will be hosting a Victorian Ball in October, more information will be released soon
- Church may host a breakfast in coordination with the food-bank at St. Jacob's Lutheran
- Day Care CDA classes will be held on Monday evenings, allowing outsiders to attend suggested
- Sandwich sale raised \$564, another sandwich sale is scheduled for October 13th.
- The hip-breakers return September 22nd

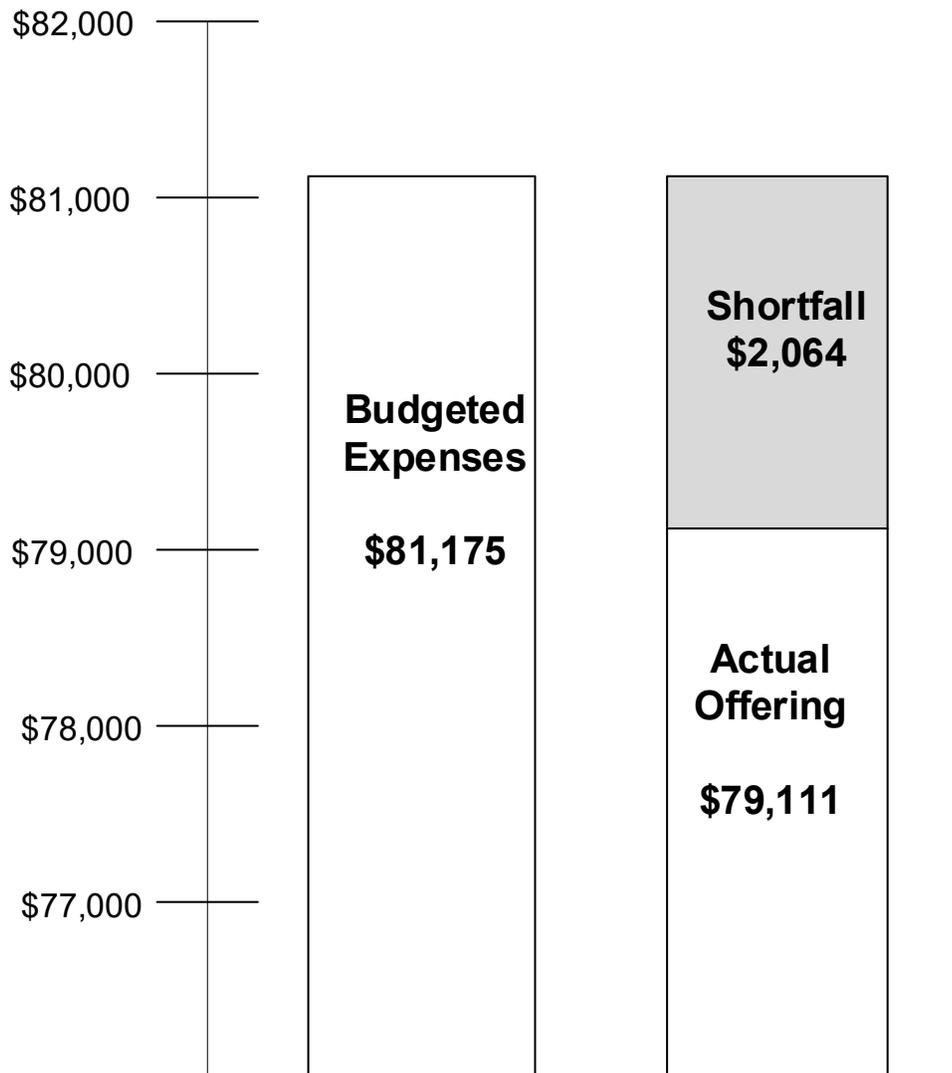
## June 2018 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

Shown below is a chart which shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the first six months of 2018.

The numbers through the end of June showed a combined shortfall in the General and Building Funds of \$2,064 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings. In the month of June we did not need to take anything from our building savings account to meet expenses.

# Budget Numbers for June 2018

**Covers 25 Sundays  
Combined General and Building Funds**



## Search Committee Update

The search committee was pleased with the interview conducted on July 8th, so we have agreed to set up a second interview with this candidate. Please keep this journey in your prayers.



### Back Bay Mission Trip 2018 Update for August

We are now less than 45 days from our trip to Back Bay Mission and we are currently locked in for 15 people (ranging in age from 16 to 67).

We should still be able to add anyone that may be interested in making the trip, we'd just need to check with BBM. Anyone 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 do have another sandwich sale coming up in August – orders will be due August 19<sup>th</sup>, and pickup will be on August 29<sup>th</sup>. **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 August - 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).

Thank you for your dedication and support,  
The Back Bay Mission Team

# HOME AT LAST

Shared By: Sarah Boone, Home at Last Case Manager



Rose Kennedy said, "Life isn't a matter of milestones, but memories." For one of our Home at Last (HAL) clients that is entirely true. This client entered our Home at Last Permanent Supportive Housing in February 2017. At the time of his intake into the program his story really embodied the Housing First theory that there should be no barriers to being housed. Housing takes place first then they are wrapped in the services that they need to become self-sufficient. This particular client was a long-term alcoholic that was close to death on the streets. Luckily, he was housed with the Home at Last program. From there we got him into to detox, after detox he attended Crossroads Recovery Center for further treatment. After he successfully finished Crossroads he came back to his fully furnished/stocked apartment. He started working with an after-care specialist on a weekly basis to work through his recovery.

When I first encountered this gentleman, about 6 months ago, he was adamant that he did not want to talk about his sobriety or share his story with other people. Through his work with his aftercare therapist he approached me and asked if I would allow him to come along to do outreach with me. He felt he could pay it forward and maybe reach other people with the struggles he went through. After some conversations between him, myself, and his therapist we decided that it could be an amazing experience as long as it did not affect his sobriety. We started the process by taking him to an Open Doors Homeless Coalition monthly meeting, where he not

only attended but stood in front of a room full of people and told his story of perseverance and the will to help others; he received a standing ovation. His enthusiasm for this outreach was really intoxicating. We set a day to head out to camps planning to meet up the following week to start our journey together.

The day we mutually decided to go out, I let Him pick the camp he wanted to go to. He asked if we could go to his old camp to see if anyone might be living there again. He lived at this particular camp for two and a half years until he was arrested, and the cops removed him from the property. We walked for a long time as I was following him to his camp. When we arrived, it was a full circle moment, his camp was still mostly intact. His things were still there scattered on the ground forgotten about by everyone but him. It was an emotional journey for everyone who was there that day; we got to witness and see the success that he envisioned for himself.

His story is a powerful story of success! Success that can come from believing in yourself; and when you have a team of people like Back Bay Mission, an after-care specialist, Mental Health Association, and people who will love and support you on the journey to recovery. His road will continue, and milestones will occur, but his memories looking back can be a useful and a powerful tools that he can take into the field with me to pay it forward and maybe touch other people's lives as he undoubtedly touched ours

## Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

### Donations Needed for the Early Learning

**Center:** St. Jacob's ELC is looking for the following items: 1-2 rocking chairs for our Infant Room, 2 chairs for the entrance of the Center (if possible matching), 1-2 child size chairs for the entrance of the Center. The chairs we are requesting for the entrance of the Center is so that we can create a small comfortable lobby for our families and possible new families to have an area to sit with their children when they are waiting such as before and/or after tours of the facility. As always, the ELC and staff are extremely appreciative of your continued support of our Center and any donations you can make to the Center!



### Sandwich Sale

We will be selling sandwiches for our Back Bay Mission Trip. The last day to turn in your order form will be August 19th and pick up will be on August 29th. Get your order form today to start selling! If you have any questions please see Ashley Criswell



### Choir Practice

Choir will begin to meet again on Thursday September 6th at 7pm and will continue to meet on Thursday nights in the forthcoming months.

## Special Dates

### August Birthdays

August 2nd	Michele Yost
August 3rd	Barb Hinkle Jay Kuhn
August 13th	Michele Harper Brycesin Hagarman
August 16th	Even Hoke
August 18th	Burt Hengst
August 21st	Rich Hinkle
August 23rd	Barb Goodyear Cassandra DeLaronde
August 27th	Carrie Hillman Jessica McClary

## P.U.S.H

### (Pray Until Something Happens)

- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Claude R. & Family
- Dave W.
- Cindy S.
- Louann H.
- Gwen B.
- Elena H.
- Shaun Goodling
- Nancy McIntyre
- Lois B.
- Kay
- Mary Day
- Lucienne
- Glenn B.
- Kelly A
- Chuck
- Anna
- Lydia K.



### August Anniversaries

August 9th	Lloyd and Wendy Bubb
August 10th	Gene and Raejeane Forry
August 11th	Jeff and Fanny Espinal/Hoke
August 12th	Burt and Janet Hengst



## 2018 Altar Guild Schedule

**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**

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# ALTAR GUILD

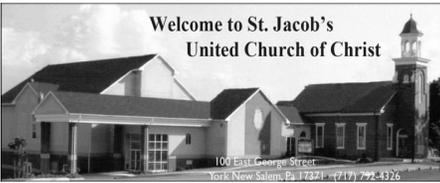


# August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 Food Pantry 9am Pastor Rick's vacation starts
5 Scott Becker leads service	6	7	8	9	10	11 Hall Rental 12-4
12 Kathryn Forry leads service	13	14 Pastor Rick's Vacation ends	15	16	17 News letter articles due	18
19 Sandwich order forms due	20 Consistory Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Sandwich pass out	30	31	

## Schedule of Events

- August 4th - Food Pantry
- August 4th-14th Pastor's vacation
- August 5th - Scott Becker leads service
- August 11th - Hall rental 12-4
- August 12th - Kathryn Forry leads service
- August 17th - Newsletter articles due
- August 19th - Sandwich order forms due
- August 20th - Consistory Meeting
- August 29th - Sandwich pass out



*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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