

ST. JACOB'S UCC



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Worship: Sundays at 10:30 am

You're invited to join us live on Facebook

Susan's Scribbles

Dear St Jacob's Family,

On November 28 we begin a new liturgical church year with the season of "Advent," a season of expectant waiting, mystery, awe and wonder.

This Autumn we celebrated "Gathering" in "Gratitude" and as we begin the season of Advent we'll add "Wonder" and begin to "Gather" in "Gratitude" and "Wonder."

Thanks to several members creativity and dedication our Sanctuary brings us into this Spirit of "Wonder."

The biblical stories throughout this season are ancient, wondrous, and filled with a call to open our hearts to receive the Christ child. We'll begin the season pondering the meaning of Luke's mini apocalypse on the first Sunday of Advent (11/27) moving on to John the Baptist (12/5) and his call to "turn around." On the third Sunday of Advent (12/12) we celebrate Mary's journey.

On the fourth Advent Sunday (12/19) Our choir will present a Christmas Cantata written by Bob Knaper and directed by our choir director and organist Bob Knaper.

On Christmas eve we'll "Gather in Gratitude, Wonder and Joy" celebrating Christmas.

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Contact Pastor
Susan!

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Our traditional candlelight service of "Verses and Carols" with communion will be held at 5:30 on Christmas eve

Remember to invite your co-workers, friends and family to join us in worship on Sunday mornings to participate in the sacred practice of lighting the Advent candles and on Christmas Eve as we light the Christ candle and remember that we each carry that light within us, draw strength and grace from it and are called to share it with the world....

Blessings on our Advent journey together as we walk in awe, wonder, anticipation, peace, joy and love.

Peace and Love St Jacob's Family,

Your Sister in Christ

Pastor Susan



Services are 5:30

This Month

Sundays

December 5th	Second Sunday of Advent Communion
December 12th	Third Sunday of Advent
December 19th	Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 26th	First Sunday After Christmas

Mark your Calendar!

December 4th	Christmas Dinner 4:30 PM
December 5th	Consistory Nomination 11:30AM
December 6th	Cub Scouts 6:45PM
December 11th	Breakfast w/Santa 8AM Food Pantry 10-11AM
December 12th	Budget Meeting
December 13th	Cub Scouts 6:45PM
December 19th	Consistory Meeting 11:30AM
December 20th	Cub Scouts 6:45PM
December 21st	Longest Night Service 6:30PM



2021 Altar Guild Schedule Consistory

From Our Consistory President

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." ~ Isaiah 9:6

Hello St. Jacobs family,

We hope you had a wonderful November filled with time spent with family and friends while enjoying a delicious meal or just great conversation. We enjoyed a chilled walk-through Gettysburg taking part in a Ghost walk where we heard ghost stories some we have heard before and few others that were new. The ELC had great success with their Pumpkin rolls once again this year selling over 200 of them. Our social hall smelled heavenly as the ladies baked and hopefully you were able to enjoy a Pumpkin roll. Our decoration ladies brought new meaning to our trees losing their leaves in the fall instead our barren tree gained leaves each week by our families adding a leaf to the tree and writing on them what we were thankful for. We are moving onto the Christmas season and this past Sunday we began to decorate our church for the coming of Advent. Breakfast with Santa is right around the corner don't miss out. We are doing a drive thru breakfast with Santa once again in order to keep our families safe and healthy. Check our Facebook page to sign up or contact the office to let us know you're interested. Our Christmas dinner will be held December 4th with doors opening at 4:30. Contact the office to let us know if you will be attending. Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:30 with communion. We will be live on Facebook that evening also. Don't miss our Christmas Canata which will be held the Sunday prior to Christmas. Bob and choir do a fantastic job each year.

May your Christmas be Bright,

Heather

Consistory Minutes

Consistory Meeting

10/17/2021

Attendee's: Scott Becker, Kathryn Forry, Pastor Susan, Tom Kuhn, Heather Kuhn, Deb Stough, Steve Reynolds, Treasurer Eric Barley

11:38 Pastor Susan Opened with Prayer

Treasurer's Report Submitted

Motion to transfer the second PPP Loan proceeds that the St. Jacobs received and that has been forgiven after receiving confirmed documentation from the SBA. These proceeds will be applied to the principal of St. Jacobs mortgage.

Motion to approve – Kathryn

Motion second to approve – Pastor Susan

Unanimously approved

The ELC Board understands that these second PPP proceeds would be used for the mortgage pay down and are in agreement to do so.

Pastor Susan is requesting resources to see what we could do locally on the east coast to support organizations in need of volunteers and help.

The financial support of the trip to Back Bay that others had donated toward to that trip have made no requests for their donations to be returned.

Motion for \$150 to maintain a current membership with the local Tri-Community Ambulance Association. Our ELC will also contribute \$150.

Motion to approve – Scott

Motion second to approve – Kathryn

Unanimously approved

Motion to accept the Treasures Report

Motion to approve – Pastor Susan

Motion second to approve – Steve

Unanimously approved

Consistory Meeting Minutes would be emailed out for changes and approval in the coming week.

Scott – Food Bank gave out 40 boxes

Kathryn/Deb – November 20th looking at doing a craft function with wooden boards either live edge or not that we can paint. Approx. 30-40 people.

Pancake breakfast with Santa is coming up on December 11th flyer needs to be done to advertise Christmas dinner December 4th – Cassandra our ELC cook to cater the meal more info to follow

Offering a Tea in January or February

Steve – Ghost walk on November 6th, he will check on if there is a limit to the number going and where we can park.

Pastor Susan – Is requesting adding worship supplies, worship publications and faith information for the Christian educations to the budget.

Pastor Susan is also having surgery on October 26th

Consistory Concluded – Ended with the Lords Prayer

The following are summaries of financial information for the month of October, 2021. Weekly church receipt and church and ELC detailed disbursement information is posted by our administrative office. Let Eric Barley (717) 792-2402 or a Consistory Member know of any questions. Thank you.

**ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
OCTOBER 31, 2021**

	GENERAL ACCOUNT	BUILDING ACCOUNT	BENEVOLENCE ACCOUNT
CHECKING ACCT. BALANCE SEPT. 30, 2021	\$5,354.90	\$4,540.92	\$2,032.62
RECEIPTS:			
OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS	4,186.00	5,691.00	318.00
EARLY LEARNING CENTER	7,000.00	1,500.00	-----
TRANSFER FROM ELC	0.00	165,000.00	0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:			
PAYMENTS	(12,004.54)	(169,640.58)	0.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS NOT YET REMITTED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,593.91
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**ST. JACOB'S UCC EARLY LEARNING CENTER
SCHEDULE OF NET RESOURCES AVAILABLE
OCTOBER 31, 2021**

Cash on hand as reconciled	OCTOBER 31, 2021	\$108,484.83
Credit card charges 10/05/2021 - 11/04/2021, paid 11/08/2021	(\$4,706.59)	
Perrydell Farm - October, 2021 - estimate	(280.00)	
Set aside for Phase 1 play area renovation	(37,500.00)	
Memorial donations received to date	(2,310.00)	
Approx. cost of 2 payroll cycles - gross wages plus payroll taxes	(38,532.00)	
Workers' compensation premium 12/20/20 - 12/20/21, paid in advance: \$4,964.00 x 3/24	620.50	
Child Care Consultants tuition support 10/2021 - estimate	1,000.00	
Insurance proceeds to be received	1,628.00	
3rd Quarter, 2021 COVID payroll tax cost recovery	1,205.08	
Staff member withholding not yet deposited	485.85	
understatement of credit card cost	\$507.58	
Paid Time Off earned but not yet used as of 08/22/2021 Amount includes gross wage + Employer payroll taxes + approximate workers' compensation cost	(10,289.16)	
Additional net amounts to be disbursed/set aside	(\$88,170.74)	(88,170.74)
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ELC net resources available October 31, 2021		\$20,314.09
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From the Desk of the Church Historian

With the start of Advent (and the new church year) on November 28th we enter into a time that has always been special for St. Jacob's. Christmas celebrations have been important for our congregation for many years.

The oldest photo we have of the sanctuary (from the early 1900s) was of the Christmas decorations in place that year (with their Christmas tree in almost the same location as our current one):



Christmas was always a fun time: with the kids receiving oranges and Hershey bars; the craft day to make items to decorate the church, and to take home, and decorating the church; the children's program (with caroling afterwards); the church Christmas dinner; and of course the Christmas Eve candle light service.

A Brief History of the Christmas Tree Tradition

(Courtesy of the "The Ripplet" the newsletter for the Spring Grove Area Historical Society)

Modern Christmas tree tradition can be traced back to 16th century Germany with the first documented Christmas tree found on the sculpture of a private home in Alsace (then part of Germany, today France), dating 1576. In the United States, the first Christmas trees appeared in Strasbourg (Pennsylvania) in the 17th century with the arrival of German immigrants. The custom spread across the country in the second half of the 19th century.

Happy Christmas!!
En hallecher Grischdaag!!
Frohe Weihnachten!!

With the holidays fast approaching I wanted to pass along some fun info about the holidays:

Gingerbread was used by the Greeks and Egyptians for ceremonial purposes.

Gingerbread was brought to Europe in 992 by an Armenian monk, but it wasn't until the 18th century that it was readily available.

Gingerbread is a favorite food in many cultures, with variations appearing in Brazilian, Middle Eastern, European, Russian, and American cooking.

Gingerbread comes in many forms ranging from a light spice cake to dense bread. The harder German-style gingerbread is most commonly used to make gingerbread houses.

Turkey doesn't make you tired.

The author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" Sarah Joseph Hale, which was published in 1830, is responsible for making Thanksgiving a national holiday.

The Romans were the first to exchange gifts at Christmas.

Reindeer like to eat bananas.

Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street are named after characters in the classic movie "It's A Wonderful Life".

(Courtesy of the "The Ripplet" the newsletter for the Spring Grove Area Historical Society)

A Brief Lesson in Pennsylvania Dutch

(Courtesy of the Codorus Valley Chronicles the newsletter of the Codorus Valley Area Historical Society)

Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch Schul

Do you want something to drink? = Witt du eppes zu drinke?

How old are you? = Wie alt bischt du?

Are you married? = Bischt du gheiert?

I go to (attend) school = Ich geh in die Schul.



Drive -Up

Pancakes with Santa Breakfast

Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 8:30 till 10:30am

St. Jacobs UCC 100 East George St. York, PA

\$5 Per Meal

Your Ticket Includes The Following

Meal Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup and Beverage

Gift from Santa

Gingerbread Cookie Kit delivered via Elves

To Reserve your meals call the church office at 717-792-4326 or
visit our Facebook page and order thru our Google form!



Christmas Gift for St. Jacob's

By the time you read this article our church's mortgage is likely to have been "Paid-In-Full"!!

What a blessing to be able to share this news with all of our members, friends and our community at large.

Using resources from members, friends and our Early Learning Center our in-full mortgage repayment permits our previous monthly cash obligation to be used for more worthy purposes and causes. When our Congregation in August approved using designated resources to substantially paydown our mortgage balance it was anticipated that a year-end principal would likely remain. However, since that approval, principal only designated offerings along with the use of an additional modest amount of church resources provided the final dollars needed to bring the mortgage balance to ZERO!

After our final payment, \$75,007.92 remains in our church's savings account. However, of this amount \$73,813.45 is allocated for repairs and improvements that remain to be undertaken. This leaves \$1,194.47 on hand for unanticipated repairs and building improvement expenses as we head into 2022.

Over the past number of years, designated "gifts to St. Jacob's", especially at Christmas time were used for mortgage principal repayment. This year's appeal will be used to rebuild the undesignated balance in our church's savings account. All "gifts to St. Jacob's" received will be used for future large significant building repairs and improvements. Any of these undertakings will need to be approved beforehand by our Congregation.

If you are able, please consider making an additional offering as a Christmas gift to St. Jacob's to help rebuild our savings account balance.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Prayer Chain

Katie K	Fred H	Earl W	Greg S	Nancy
Drena B	George S	Josh H	Valarie W	Tom K
Gene F	Christine	Johnny E	Brianna Y	
Family of Les Scrivens			Family of Rev. Mike B	
Family of George		Ruth	Elwood W.	Darla H.

To add prayer concerns, contact Lorrie Bechtel

Phone 717-818-4726

Call, Text or Email lorrieriley@comcast.net

Special Dates

December Anniversaries

12/22– Dave & Lois Wakeland

12/31—Doug & Kathy Landis

December Birthdays

12/4– Tracy Goodyear

12/6– Denise Hoffman

- John Dayton Eyster

- Rich Forry

12/13– Zachary Arthur Murray

12/15– Lynn Becker

12/19– Steven Forry

12/20– Deneen Harbold

12/22– Joyce Reininger

12/23– Meghan Kuhn

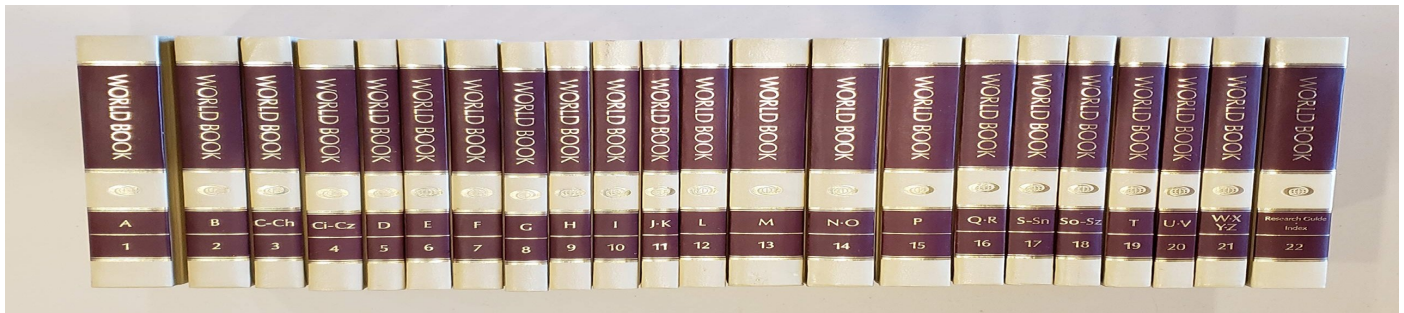
12/24– Dave Wakeland

12/26– Jayson Landis

12/28– Terri Knott

- Braylee Yost

12/30– Lois Wakeland



Printed resources looking for a good home

Perhaps you think your child or grandchild or another youngster you know might get some value from having a printed set of encyclopedias?

St. Jacob's has five complete sets of these resources, which will be boxed and delivered to your doorstep at no cost, if they might be put to good use. These resources are being made available through Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 11:30AM after which they will be removed from our conference room.

These are the available sets:

Childcraft "The How and Why Library", copyright 1970, 15 volumes taking about 15 inches of shelf space plus 15-Annual volumes for years 1970 – 1986 that take another 15 inches of shelf space.

Collier's Encyclopedia, copyright 1991, these volumes take about 56 inches of shelf space that also include

- Collier's Year Books, 1992 and 1993,
- Science Horizon Year Books, 1992 and 1993,
- Health and Medical Year Books, 1993 and 1994.

Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia, copyright 1979, plus a 2-volume Dictionary, copyright 1980. These volumes take about 45 inches of shelf space.

The World Book Encyclopedia, copyright 1967, plus Year Books for 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971. These volumes take a bit more than 36 inches of shelf space.

The World Book Encyclopedia, copyright 1972. These volumes take about 36 inches of shelf space.

Let us know of your desire by notifying the church office (office@stjacobsucc.org) or 717-792-4326 or any Consistory



Scout Troop 97 will be laying wreaths at Indiantown Gap Cemetery on December 18 ceremony will start at noon. This year the scout troop was able to raise enough donations for 46 wreaths that will go to Indiantown Gap.

St. Jacob's United Church of Christ

Everyone is Welcome!

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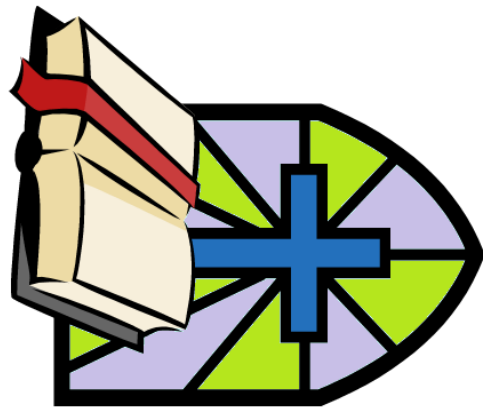
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St. Jacob's Mission Statement

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.