

# January Newsletter

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**St. Jacob's UCC**

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**Sunday School 9:30AM — Coffee/Tea Time  
10:00 to 10:20AM — Worship Service 10:30AM**

## *A word from Our Pastor . . .*

Happy New Year to All of You.

However, for me, it's a bit awkward. The New Year began the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. So society is behind- as usual. Hopefully, they are behind the Church's agenda. (My wish for the New Year)

As we leave the "old" behind, we go forward with a map. The map says "Follow Jesus". Live the kind of life He lived.

We are aware of His compassion and healing. We've read His teachings many times. Because of this we have many missions, outreaches, and in-reaches (our healing services and communion). Through OCWM we are part of flood disasters, and fire destruction clean-up. There is our mutual food and clothing bank, our inner-city mission with Mr. Sandy's, as well as Back Bay and the children we sponsor.

One area we haven't explored enough is stewardship of the environment. Jesus lived in a pre-industrialized society. His "carbon footprint"-wasn't. We can't claim that. For example, my driving to church pollutes more than Jesus did in His whole life. He walked (and walking is good for all of us).

"This is My Father's World." What might God say about how well we treat His world? What will be left for our grandchildren? Technology will save us? Doubtful. Technology has a way of keeping us from reality. Think of those hand-held computers that rule some peoples lives.

This year, let us all examine how we live. It is possible to live a simpler life. Technology needs to be a decision. Why not use that which is relatively free- like solar power or wing the fly-swatter instead of a can of chemicals?

In the New Year, let us be cognizant of our actions, especially towards our environment, which really isn't ours.

Scouting teaches that no one should ever know or discover where you camped and made the fire. That's respecting God's World.

A great example - Pray about it. Amen

Blessings,

*Pastor Rick*

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## *From Our Consistory President...*

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Hello St. Jacobs Family,

Our December was very eventful starting with our Christmas dinner our sister congregation St. Jacobs Lutheran church joined us. We enjoyed the social time before our meal and after Elva Hurst brought the story of Christmas to life in her chalk drawing. Santa and his elves also joined our evening bringing gifts and laughter along the way. A special birthday gift was brought by Santa for Floyd as he celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our breakfast with Santa was a huge success again this year over 200 meals were served and our ELC children gave another successful Christmas concert for their families to enjoy. Bob and the Choir produced a beautiful Cantata this year I know we always love to hear them sing each year. January is upon us and we have our planning meeting for the year coming up and our annual report meeting coming up. Please plan on attending these meetings to see what we have in store for the upcoming year. From my home to yours we wish you a blessed New Year.

Sincerely,  
Heather - Consistory President

**John 3:16**

**16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

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## **Dear Friend...**

I just had to send a note to tell you how much I love you and care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you. And I waited. But you never came. It hurt me, but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night and I longed to touch your brow. So I spilled moonlight on your pillow and on your face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so that we could talk. I have so many gifts for you. But you awakened late the next day and rushed off. My tears were in the rain.

Today you looked so sad, so all alone. It makes my heart ache because I understand. My friends let me down and hurt me so many times too. But I love you. Oh, if you would only listen to me. I really love you. I try to tell you in the blue sky and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves on the trees and breathe it in the colors of the flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain streams and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature's scent. My love for you is deeper than the oceans and bigger than the biggest want or need in your heart.

If you only knew how much I want to help you. I want you to meet my Father. He wants to help you, too. My Father is that way, you know. Just call me, ask me, talk with me. I have so much to share with you. But, I won't hassle you. I'll wait because I Love you.

Your friend,

*Jesus*

## From Our Accountant's desk...

ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
GENERAL FUND  
NOVEMBER 30, 2019

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		RECEIPTS		
BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2019	\$3,586.58	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
RECEIPTS:		11/03/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	\$4,880.25
OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS	8,258.25	11/10/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	1,373.00
EARLY LEARNING CENTER		11/17/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	1,925.00
SHARED EXPENSES	3,500.00	11/24/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	3,580.00
DISBURSEMENTS:			TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$11,758.25
PAYMENTS MADE	(8,432.00)			=====
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2019	\$6,912.83			=====
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### DISBURSEMENTS

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR THE LISTING OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH



**At our Budget Meeting on 12/15/19, the 2020 budget was approved by the congregation.**

# BUILDING FUND

**ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
BUILDING FUND  
NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

**RECEIPTS**

		DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2019	\$5,322.62			
RECEIPTS:		11/03/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	\$3,082.50
OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS	18,442.50	11/10/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	633.00
TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS	5,500.00	11/17/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	979.00
DISBURSEMENTS	(22,307.26)	11/24/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	13,748.00
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2019	\$6,957.86		TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$18,442.50
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**DISBURSEMENTS**

DATE	CHECK NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
11/04/19	1142	PEOPLESBANK - STD ADDITIONAL MONTHLY PRINCIPAL PAYMENT - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2019	\$1,252.16
11/04/19	1143	KIM FORRY - REIMBURSEMENT FOR 10/19/2019 POT PIE DINNER \$306.34 AND KITCHEN SUPPLY COSTS	429.04
11/04/19	----	DEPOSIT OF OVER-REIMBURSEMENT TO KIM FORRY	(80.00)
11/12/19	1144	WEIKER'S FLOORING CENTER - BALANCE DUE FOR SANCTUARY LEVEL FLOORING, \$13,111.00 TOTAL	6,555.50
11/15/19	----	PEOPLESBANK - MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYM'T, PRINCIPAL \$2,171.10, INTEREST \$2,469.48	4,640.58
11/23/19	----	BANK OF AMERICA MASTERCARD - 11/23/2019 BINGO PRIZE PURCHASES	2,204.58
11/23/19	----	RECEIPT FROM MISSION ACCOUNT FOR COST OF RAFFLE PRIZE	(137.96)
11/23/19	1145	TWIN PINE FARM - 11/23/2019 BINGO EVENT GROUND BEEF	79.80
11/23/19	1146	DEBORAH STOUGH - 11/23/2019 BINGO PRIZE COSTS	101.74
11/27/19	1147	PEOPLES BANK - CHRISTMAS GIFT TO ST. JACOB'S ADD'L PRINCIPAL APPLIED	7,000.00
11/23/19	1148	KATHRYN FORRY - 11/23/2019 BINGO PRIZE COSTS	261.82
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$22,307.26
			=====

**AMOUNTS OBLIGATED OR TO BE PAID**

NONE

SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BALANCE 10/31/2019:	\$178,232.40	MORTGAGE LOAN OCTOBER 31, 2019	\$557,242.51
INTEREST - MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	284.42	PRINCIPAL PAID NOVEMBER, 2019	(2,171.10)
TRANSFER TO BUILDING ACCOUNT	(5,500.00)	ADD'L PRINCIPAL PAID FOR NOV. & DEC., 2019	(1,252.16)
2019 REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION DISTRIBUTED TO ACCOUNTS - NOVEMBER	(4,380.00)	CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR ST. JACOB'S CHALLENGE AMOUNT	(7,000.00)
SAVINGS ACCOUNT-BALANCE 11/30/2019	\$168,636.82	MORTGAGE LOAN AT END OF MONTH	\$546,819.25
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**SAVINGS BALANCES:**

MISSION	\$4,700.00	FUND RAISING RECEIPTS THIS MONTH:			
BENEVOLENCE	5,000.00				
EARLY LEARNING CENTER	35,000.00				
BUILDING	110,253.42				
BUILDING - BELL TOWER	10,000.00	10/19 POT PIE DINNER	\$2,322.00	\$306.34	\$2,015.66
RMD NOT YET ALLOCATED	3,683.40	11/23 BAG & PURSE BINGO	5,731.00	2,509.98	3,221.02
SAVINGS ACCOUNT-BALANCE 11/30/2019	\$168,636.82				

# Benevolence Fund

## ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BENEVOLENCE FUND NOVEMBER 30, 2019

			RECEIPTS		
BALANCE OCTOBER 31, 2019	\$3,495.12	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS	782.25	11/03/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	\$266.25	
DISBURSEMENTS	(86.00)	11/10/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	79.00	
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2019	\$4,191.37	11/17/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	201.00	
	=====	11/24/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	236.00	
			TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$782.25	=====
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$5,000.00				=====

DISBURSEMENTS				
DATE	CHECK NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
10/10/19	1190	HOMEWOOD AUXILIARY - 2020 DUES OFFERING	\$86.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$86.00	=====

### OFFERED OR COMMITTED AMOUNTS NOT YET DISBURSED:

ST. JACOB'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY	\$506.00	
FOOD PANTRY HARVEST HOME AND SEPT., 2019 MISSION OFFERINGS	258.00	
PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE BAHAMIAN RELIEF EFFORT - JULY AND AUGUST, 2019 MISSION OF THE MONTH	308.00	
PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE - NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING	401.00	
PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE - STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING	227.00	
BACK BAY MISSION TRIP - 2020	553.00	
ST. JACOB'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - BALANCE OF 2019 VBS OFFERINGS	5.00	
MR. SANDY'S VETERANS CENTER:		
2019 EXPENSES REIMBURSED	(\$508.09)	
2019 OFFERINGS TO DATE	714.00	
	\$205.91	205.91
	=====	
TOTAL OFFERED NOT YET DISBURSED		\$2,463.91
		=====

## Upcoming Events

### YOUNG AT HEART

(weather permitting)

Plan to meet Tuesday 01/28/20 at 10:00 am at church to plan year events.

### 2020 Communion Dates:

January 05 - 1st Sunday in New Year

March 01 - 1st Sunday in Lent

April 12 - Easter Sunday

May 31 - Pentecost Sunday

July 12 - Summer Communion

September 13 - Welcome Back Sunday

October 04 - Worldwide Communion

November 01 - All Saints

November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

December 24 - Christmas Eve



Newsletter Articles Due January 17, 2020

Thank you!



### "The Seasons of a Man's Life" –

#### Men's Retreat at Hartman Center

All men are invited to participate in a Men's Retreat at Hartman Center, **January 17-19, 2020**. The event will explore the "seasons" as described in the third chapter of Ecclesiastes. Lay men from throughout the conference will be sharing personal accounts of "seasons" of their own lives, while all participants will have the opportunity to experience workshops, enjoy food and fellowship, and enjoy the great outdoors. More information has been sent to each congregation and is also available at [hartmancenter.com](http://hartmancenter.com), where you are able to register for this wonderful experience.

#### 2020 Polar Bear Plunge

The 2020 Polar Bear Plunge for the York County Special Olympics is once again here!! It will be held Saturday, February 01, 2020. At the John Wright Building in Wrightsville.

Although Corey Markle will not be plunging into the water again this year, he is still collecting donations to support his fellow athletes in Special Olympics, please see Corey or his parents if you would like to donate. Thank you!



## Special Dates

### January Birthdays

January 1st	Wendy Bubb
January 4th	Kathy Diehl Abe Mellinger
January 5th	Earle Wolfe Lianna Cross
January 16th	Jennifer Janssen
January 17th	Cindy Stuempfle
January 18th	Delores Leppo Lizzy Harper
January 20th	Shane Glatfelter
January 21st	Addisyn Grace Landis
January 22nd	Leon Senft
January 26th	Brentley Hamilton
January 28th	Brad Landis Brent Landis

happy  
birthday



## P.U.S.H.

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- Stu M.
- Judy G.
- Joellyn S.
- Barry D.
- John H.
- Terry F.
- Kathaleen R.
- Lois B.
- Linda C.
- Kelly A.
- Bud & Wendy B.
- Holly G.
- Larry H.
- Corey M.
- Marlene D.
- Landis Family
- Mosebrook Family





## 2020 ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

January - Kim and Ashley Criswell

February - Hilary Barley and Lois Wakeland

March - Scott and Lynn Becker

April - Amy Meyer and Wendy Bubb

May - Doris Goodling and Louann Markle

June - Mary Brungard and Janet Hengst

July - Michele Harper and Dorine Hagarman

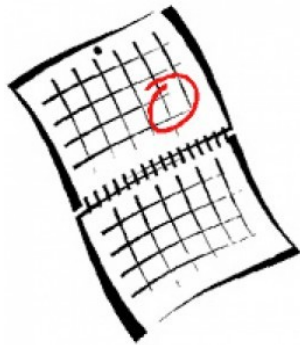
August - Taylor and Velinda Johnson

September - Deneen Harbold and Dorine Hagarman

October - Cindy Stuempfle and Heather Kuhn

November - Nancy McIntyre and Kathryn Forry

December - Cheryl Paules and Heather Kuhn



## HEAD USHER SCHEDULE 2020

<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
Kim Criswell	Kathryn Forry	Lynn Johnson	Heather Kuhn		Steve Reynolds		Kathryn Forry	Lynn Johnson	Steve Reynolds	Kim Criswell	Heather Kuhn



# JANUARY CALENDAR

12/28/2019

Google Calendar - January 2020

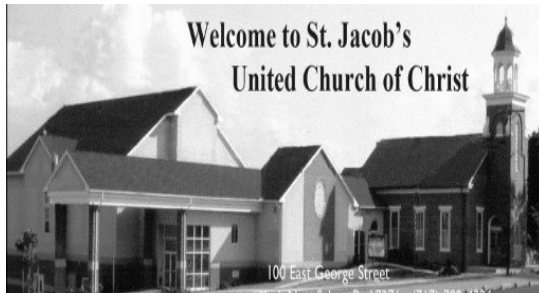
SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED Jan 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Sunday Sch</li> <li>10:30am Worship Sr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Cub Scout</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Choir</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Food Pantry</li> </ul>
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Sunday Sch</li> <li>10:30am Worship Sr</li> <li>12:30pm Back Bay I</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Cub Scout</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Choir</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Food Pantry</li> </ul>

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/r/month/2020/1/1>

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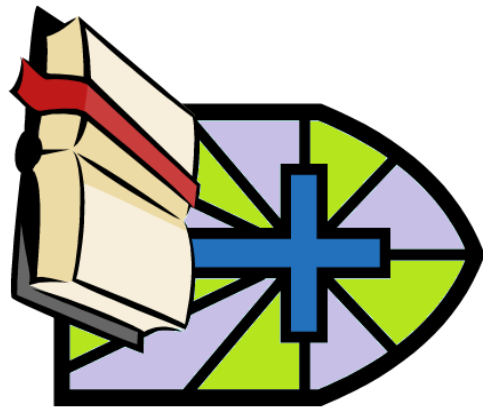
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### **St. Jacob's Mission Statement**

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.