

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 ...

Year End Report –2018 From the Pastor

The church year officially ended with the last Sunday after Pentecost. However, what the church calls of you has no end. Our ministers recognize no time limit. And that's how it should be.

Because it is, new ideas and visions are a big part of the life of St. Jacob's. It is refreshing and inspiring for new ideas and/or directions people have do come to life. When encouraged by the Spirit, things come to fruition.

Best of all, there is support for the new projects as well as the old. It could be bingo or decorating the Sanctuary or tending to the grounds - people are there to get the job done. The weakest spot is our "clean-up Saturdays". (Maybe we need to add a breakfast?)

Support for our ministries doesn't come out of thin air. Support comes from the Spirit— that's given to each of us at Baptism. The fact that we are moving forward on many fronts (the long range back bay trip to the Christmas gift for your church "dampen the debt" program are examples. Tells use we are using our baptismal gifts.

This is a reason to rejoice as well as a reason to pary asking God what is desired from us –esoecially as we head into the New Year.

What is ahead of us? Local missions & more members? Sustained forward movement? By the grace of God –YES!

Shalom,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President

Happy New Year St. Jacobs UCC Family,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas celebration this year with family and friends. The month of December was an exciting time here at St. Jacobs our building was filled with the excitement and joy in celebrating the Christmas season. From our Christmas dinner that was well attended and beautiful art work that was done. We then had our breakfast with Santa and our ELC performing their Christmas program for all to enjoy. We had over 200 people come out to enjoy the morning and say hello to Santa. Our Christmas Eve service was a joyous occasion shared by over 140 people joining together in welcoming the coming of the baby Jesus. As we end the year 2018 we are looking forward to the new year 2019 and all that it could bring. January is starting to look like a very busy month please don't hesitate to join us for the events we will be having. We have our planning meeting to start the month with a pot luck for lunch while plan our upcoming year then we move onto our annual meeting. The representative for Mr. Sandy's will be joining us for services and to give us some information and ideas on how we can help our local Vets in need. Kicking it up just a bit we will have Snowball dance on the 19th join us for a light meal and some fantastic music to dance the night away. Don't forget we are doing the Souper Bowl challenge and its double or nothing this year the challenge is on in a big way!! So as you can see we are starting the year 2019 off with a bang please don't hesitate to join us for these wonderful events.

Sincerely,

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

Remember All Are Welcome!!

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

Opening: 6:55pm

Present: Pastor Rick, Heather, Lloyd, Eric, Lynn, Kathryn, Kim, Steve

Minutes for October 2018

Motion to approve by Lynn

2nd by Steve

All Approved

Treasurers Report for October 2018

Motion to approve by Lynn

2nd by Steve

All Approved

Old Business

New Business

Budget Meeting Blurb to go out in Newsletter

Church Directory Updated

Scouts will charter at St. Jacob's UCC for 2019. Requesting use of building Monday night.

Discussions

Building Maintenance Cost (Boiler pressure relief vale, Damaged panel, heating/ac)

Year End Planning

Grief Counseling

Action Steps To Be Taken

Make list of key holders

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm

Motion was made by Lynn

2nd by Kathryn

All in favor

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

Volunteers Wanted!

Voices - On most Sundays, members have been volunteering to be lay readers. And to those who have been doing so - THANK YOU. However, we would love to hear new voices. Won't you consider volunteering to share the word of God with your fellow members? Pastor Rick has promised to keep the readings “easy” (no difficult words). Anyone interested may contact Pastor Rick or Lynn Johnson.

Small Blessings

Our Children - It has been quite a while since we have heard the voices of our young ones on a Sunday morning. What a joy it was to hear them on December 23rd. These children are a gift from God to love, support and cherish. THANK YOU

Our Growing Family

Welcome! Welcome! - Although he has been with us for over 4 years, on Sunday, December 10th, we welcomed Pastor Rick Stuempfle as our Designated Term Pastor. Under this title, he will be with us for a period of two years, beginning January 1st, 2019. If during that period of time a “settled” pastor should be found, Pastor Rick will retire. Let us continue to provide him, and Cindy, with the love and support we have given them in the past.



Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on Tuesday January 29th at 10am for a planning meeting at the church conference room. Weather permitting.

The Christmas Fund:

For the Veterans of the cross and emergency fund

The Christmas fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund has been a tangible expression of God's love and light in the world for over 115 years. One of the four special mission offering of the United Church of Christ, the Christmas Fund provides UCC congregations and members and opportunity to reach out in kindheartedness to those who have faithfully shepherded our Church and who now find themselves facing worrisome financial needs. Through your gifts to the Christmas Fund, you can help ensure that "The Light is Surely Coming" and pass on God's love.

Snowball Dance

Let's dance those winter blues away! Saturday, January 19th, 6-9pm, a snowball dance is being held. It is family friendly - all are invited - young and old-to come shake, rattle and roll. Price is \$10 per person. Refreshments will be provided. Any questions may be directed to the church office (717)-792-4326

New Members

As we continue to grow, on Sunday January 13th, we will be welcoming three new members –Taylor Sipe, Fred Henderson, and Pastor Rick. Won't you please join us and welcome them to the family?

Planning Meeting

The church's annual planning meeting is scheduled for January 13th following the worship service. A pot luck lunch will be provided. All are invited to attend and participate in the planning of the church's events, services, projects, etc

Mr. Sandy's—Veterans Helping Hand

Veteran's Helping Hand was created by Sandy Walker, a Vietnam veteran who did not want any of his fellow veterans to feel isolated or unwelcomed after coming home from war. Sandy's dream was to open a community center that would not only provide emergency shelter, but would provide immediate help with basic supplies such as food, clothing and transportation. Some of you may have heard of his work over the years, where he dedicated his life to serving the homeless and needy of York City and York County. Sandy was able to help meet the needs of a countless number of veterans. Unfortunately, his service in Vietnam lead to severe health issues and Sandy lost his final battle on March 14, 2015. Sandy was in the beginning stages of creating the first homeless center for veterans in York County. After his death, members of the York County community worked hard is Sandy's honor and in October of 2015, Mr. Sandy's Homeless Veterans Center became a reality. His daughter, Sandie Walker, is continuing with his dream. She we be our guest speaker on January 27th, follow by a pot luck luncheon at which time members will have the opportunity to speak to her.

Food Pantry

We, St. Jacob's UCC and our sister church St. Jacob's Lutheran, distribute food to those in need the first Saturday of each month. The is another way in which our two churches work together to provide a needed service for the community and surrounding area. And, it is a way in which all of us can provide support. Help hands (volunteers) along with donations are always welcome.

Newsletter articles for Jan. due by Jan. 21st.

Special Dates

January Birthdays

January 1st Wendy Bubb
January 4th Kathy Diehl
Abe Mellinger
January 5th Earle Wolfe
Lianna Cross
January 14th Lois Hoke
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

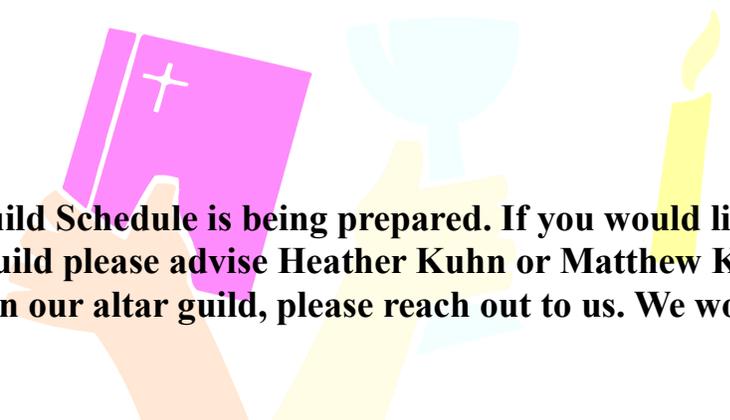
P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Cindy S.
- Glenn K
- Lynda C.
- Judy G.
- Kathaleen R.
- Wendy B.
- Lois B.
- Claude R. Family
- Evelyn Thomn
- Marshal
- Stu Markel
- Dave W
- Bill Kohler
- Matt and Ellen Harbold
- Amanda



2018 Altar Guild Schedule

An illustration showing three hands holding religious symbols: a pink book with a white cross, a light blue chalice, and a yellow candle with a flame. The hands are rendered in shades of orange, yellow, and light blue.

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!

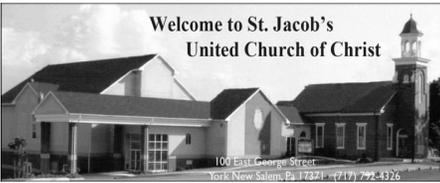
ALTAR GUILD

January 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Food Pantry
6 Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Planning Meeting New Members	14	15	16	17	18	19 Snowball Dance
20 Baptism Year End Reports/Review	21	22	23	24	25 Cub Scout Group— Overnight	26 Cub Scout/Boy Scout Pinewood Derby Race
27 Mr. Sandy's Guest Speaker Pot Luck	28	29	30	31		

Schedule of Events

- January 5th - Food Pantry
- January 6th - Communion
- January 13th - New Members/Planning Meeting
- January 19th - Snowball Dance 6pm
- January 20th - Baptism/Year End Reports
- January 25th - Cub Scouts overnight stay
- January 26th - Scout Pinewood Derby Race
- January 27th - Mr. Sandy's Guest Speaker/Pot Luck



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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