

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 ...

Greetings and blessing to all of you,

Hopefully the heat isn't going to be too bad and the roof (at the church) will soon be fixed. And there are other things that need fixed - No! Not me. Too late! But things we have some control over. Things we can plan for and things we do have logistics and strategies for.

In specific - one area we can have ignored; long range planning. Yes - we are on a good roll right now. But we must look down the road. What is the vision/dream/goal for 5 years from now? 10 years? The psalmist noted "without vision the people will perish". Jesus often spoke to the 12 about the future and the details. We need to do the same and we do. Vacation for instance. Much planning, finances, logistics, time frame.

However we have not done the same for the church. Our questions are hanging without answers. Where will we be in 5 years? What new ideas need time to develop into programs? What about a management plan for the debt? Where does God want us to be in 5 years?

Sometime in the "distant"(?) future a "settled" Pastor will arrive. What if this person had a set of congregational goals to begin his/her ministry with? Personally I have never experienced this situation, but I can easily imagine how a new pastor might feel. Wow! A congregation that knows what it needs and wants! A congregation not fearful looking at the future! Must be in touch with the Spirit! I have shared this long range planning with your consistory. I believe, in the near future, the pieces will fall into place.

Having a plan serves to guide our actions with a defined deliberateness that causes success is Biblical. It's like Jesus "He set his face to Jerusalem" and in His plan He (and the 12) moved step by step to reach a goal. The goal was Easter. Not a random thing, but carefully planned and executed event.

Let's follow the Lord's example. We can plan our future, or do nothing and let the future plan us. The latter, of course, is the path traveled without the Spirit.

Obviously, this is not us. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President

Deuteronomy 12:7 *There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD your God has blessed you.*

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

May was a very exciting month for our church. We had so many things happening. From Pastor Rick and Cindy's open house to a wild night of shake, rattle and roll with a great band and some yummy food. Thank you to those that cooked a wonderful meal for our mothers on Mothers Day. The Grocery Bingo was exciting and fun! Who knew Pastor Rick was looking for a part time gig as a bingo caller? Thanks for the laughs that evening. Our ELC had their spring plant sale that has been very successful and our kids have also been able to plant a few and are watching them grow. Fresh veggies are right around the corner.

June is close at hand and I don't know about you but time is just flying by. We have our Strawberry Social coming up and the ELC will be holding an end of the year bash for their students, families and our church families are more than welcome to come join the fun. We also have Fathers day breakfast for all the men in our lives that are making a difference, or have made a difference in the past, and support us in our lives. VBS will be during the last week of the month and is held at St. Jacobs Lutheran church in the evenings. What a way for our churches to give back to the community surrounding us by inviting the youth to join us for VBS.

Sincerely,

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

May Consistory Meeting Notes

- The Grocery Bingo raised \$3,480 for Back Bay Mission
- Katie Hagarman is officially the head of the ELC. All questions, comments and concerns should go to her.
- ELC children learning additional values writing "I'm sorry" notes when not behaving
- All day Kindergarten is coming to our area. We are looking in to accepting more Children to fill empty space.
- Travel Items are being collected until mid August for the homeless at Back Bay
- Consistory talked about more Local volunteer events in the future (after Back Bay Mission)
- Our conference contact helping us find a Pastor has been let go, we have not been given a new contact yet.
- The leak in the choir room has been fixed
- The roof above the staircase is in repair
- Contractor pointed out poor insulation in certain areas. The issue is being addressed
- Chris Wick and The Hip Breakers will be back multiple times over the course of a year
- Summer School at the ELC starts June 6th
- "Long Range Planning" for the church discussed

**May 2018 Budget Update
(Combined General and Building Funds)**

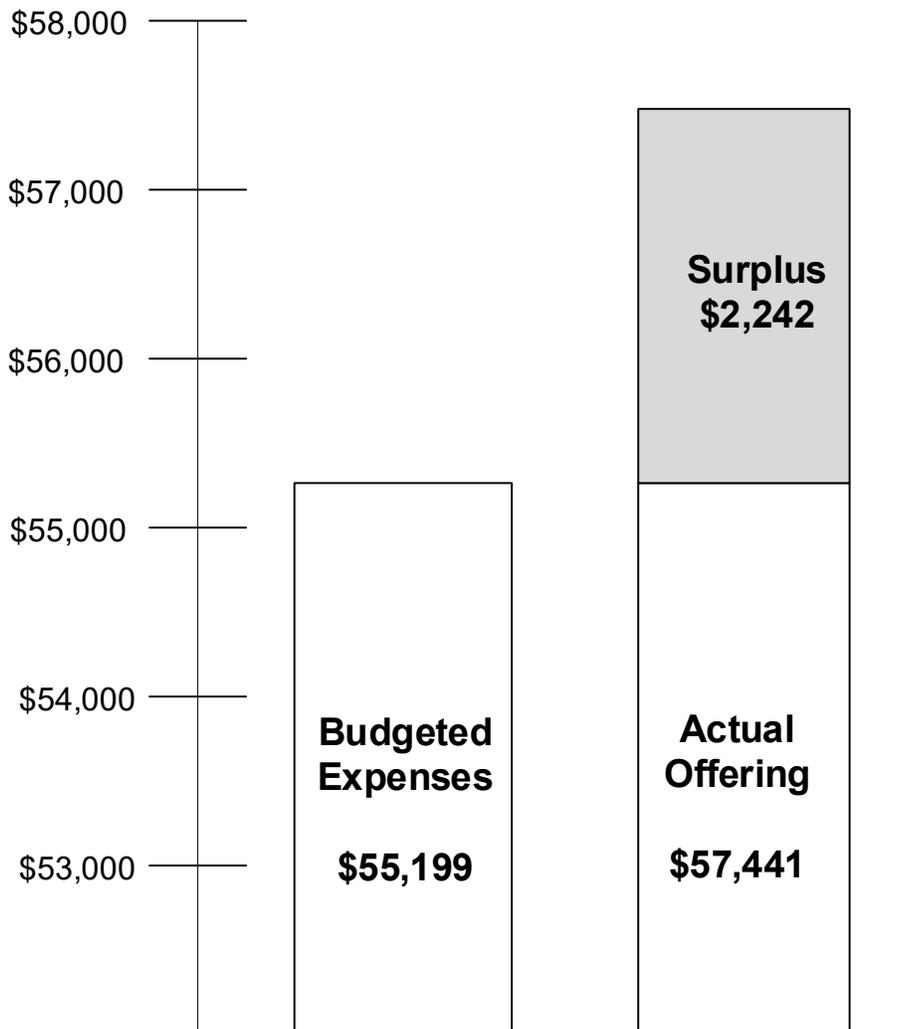
The chart below shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the four months of 2017.

The numbers through the end of March showed a combined surplus in the General and Building Funds of \$2,242 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings. The surplus was in large part due to the success of our PA Dutch Dinner on April 21st. Thanks again to everyone who contributed toward and helped with the dinner to make it such a success.

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

**Budget Numbers for
April 2018**

**Covers 17 Sundays
Combined General and Building Funds**



Back Bay Mission Trip Update

Back Bay Mission Trip 2018 Update for June

The group has had another busy month with fundraisers for the Mission Trip. The chicken BBQ on May 5 raised \$152, we received \$130 from the Sock Hop on May 12th, we raised \$3,478 from the Grocery & Vendor Bingo on May 19th, and finally we raised \$111 from the raffle of the “Chalk Talk” drawing. Thank you to everyone who helped plan, coordinate, and participated in each of these activities.

We still have the following fundraisers coming up in the next few months to help cover the cost of the trip, so please mark your calendars:

June 10 Buffalo Wild Wings (all day)

June 23 Sandwich sale?

July 18 Mickey’s Pizza

Currently we have 14 people who are interested in going (ranging in age from 16 to 67), with the possibility of a few more going. For anyone you know of that may be interested in making the trip with us 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.

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.

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).

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

Search Committee Update



“Your search committee is busy scheduling and preparing for interviews. Two of the last profiles are of interest and are worth looking into beyond the paper profile. We are also making arrangements with an additional candidate that we are looking into outside of the normal process. Our Conference contact that was serving in the role of Designated Associate Conference

Minister for Congregational Discernment/Search and Call has left that position and a new contact should be provided to us within a few weeks. The committee will not let this slow us down. Thank you for your continued prayers and if you have any questions please contact any of the search committee members: Scott Becker, Glenn Geiple, Michele Harper, Burt Hengst, Pat Lentz or Kathryn Forry.”

HELP!

THE HOMELESS AT BACK BAY....during our trip to Back Bay, we discovered, as with many cities in our country, there is a considerable amount of homeless (many of which are veterans). These people are in need of personal items: (preferably small/trial size)

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| Feminine hygiene pads | Kleenex | Hand Lotion |
| Deodorant | Toothbrushes | Brushes |
| Shampoo | Toothpaste | Wet Wipes |
| Soap | Combs | |

A storage bin has been placed in the area outside the sanctuary for donations. Thank you!!





Buffalo Wild Wings (West York)

Come dine with us at Buffalo Wild Wings in West York on Sunday, June 10th from 11 am.- 11:30 pm. to support our 2018 Mission Trip. Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 10% of your net check to the trip when you present your server with the ticket. Tickets will be sitting outside the fellowship hall or see Ashley Criswell for more details.

Strawberry Social

Mark your calendars for the Strawberry Social on Sunday, June 3rd at 6:00 pm. Come out and enjoy fresh strawberries with shortcake, ice cream, and fellowship. Yum!!!

Young at Heart

The young at heart group will be going to the Dutch Apple Theater on June 13th to see Grease! Tickets are \$55.00 and include the show & dinner.

Vacation Bible School

St Jacob's UCC along with St. Jacob's Lutheran will be hosting Vacation Bible School from June 24th until June 30th. The event will be held at the Lutheran Church (directly across the street from St. Jacob's UCC). For more information you can pick up a flyer in the church lobby or talk to Katie at the Early Learning Center.

Church Picnic

Come out to our annual church picnic which will be held on Sunday, July 29 at 11:00 a.m. at Penn Grove. Come out for a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and great food. Bring your favorite covered dish or desert to share. There will be swimming, volleyball, and softball throughout the day for everybody to enjoy so bring your bathing suits, baseball gloves/bats, and sneakers. Penn Grove retreat is located at 6419 Pamadeva Road, Hanover, PA 17331.

Directions to Penn. Grove

Depart E. George St. toward square of York New Salem

Go straight onto W. George St. Keep onto Stoverstown Road

Turn right onto Lehman Road Turn left onto PA-116/York Road

Turn left onto Smith Station Road Arrive at 6419 Pamadeva Rd. Hanover, PA. The last intersection is Faith Way.



Special Dates

June Birthdays

June 8th	Jason McSherry
June 9th	Joel Hoffman
June 10th	Kathryn Forry Joe Heltebride Aidan Johnson
June 13th	Sharon Forry
June 19th	Robert Hinkle Jr. Tammy McCarron
June 21st	Glenn Geiple
June 24	Heather Kuhn Raejeane Forry



June Anniversaries

June 7th	Rob & Cassanda Delaronde
June 8th	Richard & Shannon Forry
June 18th	Eugene & Doris Goodling Kevin & Deb Stough
June 20th	Wendell & Michele Harper

P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- Gary H.
- The family of Lane
- 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.
- Ken Hoover
- The family of "Flo"
- Chase R
- Elena and Jaxson H.
- Family of Kate Flichbaugh
- Alona Melonovich





2018 Altar Guild Schedule

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



From the Desk of the Church Historian

“Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord”. Those familiar words always start me humming the tune from the Battle Hymn of the Republic, written by Julia Ward Howe during the Civil War. An event a few weeks ago brought the song home in a different way than I had thought about it before. Lynn’s cousin Jay, a history teacher and Civil War re-enactor, had unfortunately died in an automobile accident and we attended his funeral. The hymn was used as the recessional hymn at the end of the service. I knew some of the history of the hymn but I did some more digging to try and find the full details of how it came about.

The story behind the hymn starts in early 1861 with the 12th Massachusetts, a volunteer unit that trained at Fort Warden, in Boston Harbor, where the 2nd U.S. Infantry – a regular army unit was also stationed. The 2nd Infantry had picked up a snappy tune – a camp meeting revival hymn, written in Charleston, South Carolina, around 1858, entitled “Say, Brothers, Will You Meet Us?” The soldiers liked it because it was a fine song to march to, and they had fitted new words to it: “John Brown’s body lies a-mouldering in the grave ... and we go marching on.”

One misconception that most people have (myself included) was that the words were written just about John Brown, the famous abolitionist. Actually the words were inspired by a runty sergeant in the Union Army who happened to have the same name as the famous abolitionist. The original wording to song that the troopers had come up with included phrases with humorous double meanings.

Anyway, the 12th liked the song, and learned to sing it, and they had a fine band to provide accompaniment. They sang the song at reviews in Boston, and New York City, as they made their way to Washington D.C. And in a short time the song became well known among the troops stationed around Washington.

One afternoon while taking a carriage ride around Washington with a group that included her husband and her pastor Julia heard the song and liked it, but her pastor suggested that she could come up with better words.

Early the next morning she awoke with the new words she had been hoping for coming to her, so she got up and wrote them down, and then went back to sleep. (Julia said this is how she came up with many of the words for the poems that she wrote - the back round to this is that she was the mother of 6 small children, and overnight was probably the only quiet time she had). When she got up the next morning she remembered thinking about song again, but could not remember the words she had come with early in the morning, then she found the paper that she had written them down on.

The rest, as they say, is history. As Paul Harvey used to say – “And now you know the rest of the story”.

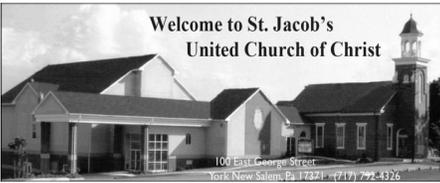
Information for this article came from numerous sources, including *The Army of the Potomac: Mr. Lincoln’s Army*, by Bruce Catton.

June 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Lions Club Dinner Food Pantry
3 Strawberry Social	4	5	6	7 Choir 7pm	8 PCC Meeting	9 PCC Meeting
10 Buffalo Wild Wings (West York) BBM Fundraiser	11	12	13 Young at Heart meets at Dutch Apple Theater	14 Choir 7pm	15 News Letter Articles Due	16
17 Fathers Day Breakfast	18 Consistory Meeting	19	20	21 Choir 7pm	22	23 Sandwich Sale
24 Vacation Bible School	25 Vacation Bible School	26 Vacation Bible School	27 Vacation Bible School	28 Choir 7pm Vacation Bible	29 Vacation Bible School	30 Vacation Bible School

Schedule of Events

- June 2nd - Lions Club Dinner 6pm
- June 2nd - Food Pantry
- June 3rd - Strawberry Social 6pm
- June 8th - PCC Meeting
- June 9th - PCC Meeting
- June 10th - Buffalo Wild Wings (West York) Fundraiser for BBM
- June 13th - Young at Heart goes to Dutch Apple Theater
- June 15th - Newsletter article due
- June 17th - Fathers Day Breakfast
- June 18th - Consistory Meeting
- June 23rd - Sandwich Sale
- June 24th-30th - Vacation Bible School



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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