

March 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 ...

Greetings Fellow Saints,

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That's how Paul began most of his letters. He - like the church today - considered all baptized Christians as Saints. Obviously - not by what we do or say, but 100% by the Grace of God: a grace that allows to us be God's children.

I am presently most grateful for that. After 3 1/2 days of the flu (?), I finally crawled out of bed. Not 100% but don't feel as if I'm 300 years old. When you lay in bed you think - you reflect - both are good. So I realized the flu (?) won't last forever. It is temporary. And so I can endure it. Actually, I think my post graduate work was tougher.

Many of you have been or are in the same shape as me. And we all realize that our feeling miserable doesn't mean God isn't there. We might even yell at God - like Job - but God is not going anywhere.

That is our divine blessing as one of God's children. One that we can hang our hat on. And one we cannot destroy. As it is written - "God is faithful even if/when we are not."

Please remember to be considerate during our flu, cold and other viruses season.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick



From Our 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.

Greetings St. Jacobs Family,

February has been an exciting month, beginning with our friendly completion collecting soup for the Souper Bowl with our sister church St. Jacobs Lutheran Church. Even though we will hold onto our lovely trophy another year the true winners are the families we were able to support with all of the soup we were able to gather. We then had an exciting Bag and Purse Bingo where we had and approx 183 in attendance. The purse's and bags were beautiful and the ladies that did the shopping did a fantastic job purchasing the items. Those in our kitchen made a delightful meal that included some really yummy desserts. They did a great job once again. It was a really lovely evening even though I did not win I was able to spend some really great time with friends and family with laughter and great conversation. Then on Sunday, we were able to enjoy our Donut Social following our morning church service. Please remember that on Ash Wednesday our service will be held at the Lutheran church. Please join us this service.

Sincerely,
Heather Kuhn
Consistory President

Committee Announcements



It has been quite some time since we have had someone fill the position of “Building and Grounds”. We, the consistory, are very pleased to announce Anthony Johnson has accepted the appointment as the “Building and Grounds” chairperson. He will be installed into this position on April 8, 2020 during service.

Carl Reininger's name will be entered into nomination for the position of deacon within our Consistory. This nomination will be voted upon on March 8th at a Congregational meeting.



From Our Accountant's desk...

St. Jacob's UCC - Treasurer's information and notes
January, 2020

General account:

- There were four weeks of offerings and receipts during this period, however there were also three bi-weekly payrolls distributed (January 3rd, 17th and 31st). This additional payroll, seasonal utility payments and our quarterly payment for property and liability insurance (check #9190 for \$2,645.50) accounted for nearly all of January, 2020's disbursements.
- Snow and ice treatment costs totaled a modest \$600 during the month. This compares to \$500 paid last January. During February, 2019 our cost was \$1,700, we'll see how the next few weeks develop weather-wise this year.

Building account:

- A number of disbursements during the month, nearly all relating to mortgage payments that have taken our 12/31/2019 balance down almost \$7,000 to \$523,390.25.
- We received Taylor Miller's updated organ keyboard replacement proposal. The cost to complete the work is unchanged at \$4,325.00. The proposal was executed and a deposit check (#1157 for \$2,126.50) was returned to Taylor so that the keyboards could be ordered. The expected turn-around is 8 weeks for Taylor to receive the replacements.
- Amounts not yet paid for upcoming budgeted project costs are shown near the center of the page.
- During the month we were in receipt of a member contribution received directly from the member's tax deferred account. Anyone age 70 or older who has a deferred tax account will benefit from a lower Federal income tax bill for any contributions St. Jacob's receives in this manner. As shown as part of the "savings account" detail the check was deposited into this account and then a portion of the total disbursed to various accounts as directed.
- A deposit was also made into our savings account from our Early Learning Center.

Benevolence account:

- York Association dues were paid near the end of the month using check number 1194 for \$434.00
- Offerings not yet disbursed and budgeted contribution amounts for 2020 are shown as part of the second half of the page. Mission of the month offering for January, 2020 have been combined with 2020 Souper Bowl offerings as was done last year.

Offerings and Receipts:

- Early unpredictable calendar weather likely affected our total of offerings for January, 2020. Our combined general and building account totals are \$2,311 less than the average we would hope to collect during this 4-week period.

Other Information:

- On the opposite side of this cover sheet is a one-page listing of 2019 Mission of the Month collections. Please consider recommendations for any changes for 2020.
- The final page of this packet is a one-page sheet that shows the annual report for the St. Jacob's Food Pantry on one side and the annual report for the St. Jacob's Union Cemetery on the other. This information was compiled by folks at the Lutheran Church and forwarded for distribution.
- Since our December 22, 2019 Consistory meeting many tasks have been accomplished, the list includes:
 - Workers' Compensation audit information for the period 12/20/18 to 12/20/19 was prepared, presented and finalized with The Hartford insurance company,
 - Payroll tax returns were prepared and filed for the 4th quarter of 2019,
 - 37 W-2's forms were prepared, printed, circulated and with full-year information filed with tax authorities,
 - Reservation form completed, cover letter and payment sent to Penn Grove Retreat. Payment has cleared,
 - Several full days spent helping with the sanctuary level cleaning, wall repair and painting project.

As you know there are a number of significant upcoming improvement projects that have received budget approval. There are also additional items of work that should be undertaken on and about our property as well as planning for upcoming workdays. The time has come again when I believe it is in our Church's best interest to have Consistory re-establish a trustee/property or a maintenance/building & grounds (call it whatever you like) committee, that would meet regularly to investigate, evaluate, plan and implement these improvement projects and coordinate items needing repair and regular maintenance. Please consider re-formulating a committee of this nature.

BUILDING FUND

**ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUILDING FUND
FEBRUARY 29, 2020**

		RECEIPTS		
		DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
BALANCE JANUARY 31, 2019	\$3,470.44	02/02/20	WEEKLY RECEIPT	\$1,351.00
RECEIPTS:		02/09/20	WEEKLY RECEIPT	945.00
OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS	10,642.39	02/16/20	WEEKLY RECEIPT	2,214.00
DISBURSEMENTS	(4,740.58)	02/23/20	WEEKLY RECEIPT	6,132.39
BALANCE FEBRUARY 29, 2020	<u>\$9,372.25</u>		TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$10,642.39</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS			
DATE	CHECK NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
02/15/20	---	PEOPLES BANK - MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYM'T, PRINCIPAL \$2,390.45, INTEREST \$2,250.13	4,640.58
02/27/20	1158	PEOPLES BANK - TREE OF LIFE LEAF - APPLIED TO PRINCIPAL	100.00
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$4,740.58</u>
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AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR UPCOMING PROJECTS

PARKING LOT REPAIR AND REPAVING	\$30,000.00
BELL TOWER RENOVATIONS	17,500.00
SOUTH SIDE WINDOWS AND STORM WINDOW WORK	3,500.00
REPLACEMENT OF THE TWO ORGAN KEYBOARDS - BALANCE DUE	2,198.50
TOTAL REMAINING BUDGETS FOR UPCOMING PROJECTS	<u>\$53,198.50</u>
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BALANCE 01/31/2020:	\$185,308.55	MORTGAGE LOAN JANUARY 31, 2019	\$523,390.25
INTEREST - MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	210.12	PRINCIPAL PAID FEBRUARY, 2020	(2,390.45)
EARLY LEARNING CENTER DEPOSIT	10,000.00	ADD'L PRINCIPAL FOR FEBRUARY PAID DURING JANUARY, 2020	-----
2020 DIRECT CHARITABLE OFFERING DISTRIBUTED TO ACCOUNTS - FEBRUARY	(559.70)	TREE OF LIFE LEAF	(100.00)
SAVINGS ACCOUNT-BALANCE 02/29/2020	<u>\$194,958.97</u>	MORTGAGE LOAN AS OF 02/29/2020	<u>\$520,899.80</u>
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SAVINGS BALANCES:

MISSION	\$4,700.00
BENEVOLENCE	5,000.00
EARLY LEARNING CENTER	52,500.00
BUILDING	111,013.55
BUILDING - BELL TOWER	10,000.00
YOUTH DOLLARS NOT YET DESIGNATED	3,985.12
DIRECT CHARITABLE OFFERING TO BE DISTRIBUTED	7,760.30
SAVINGS ACCOUNT-BALANCE 02/29/2020	<u>\$194,958.97</u>
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FUND RAISING RECEIPTS THIS MONTH:

	PROCEEDS	EXPENSES	NET
02/22 DESIGNER BAG BINGO:			
- BUILDING ACCOUNT	\$8,337.50	\$3,291.11	\$5,046.39
- FOOD PANTRY	125.00	0.00	125.00
- BACK BAY MISSION TRIP	379.00	105.42	273.58
	<u>\$8,841.50</u>	<u>\$3,396.53</u>	<u>\$5,444.97</u>
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CLOTHING BANK

March 2020

From the Food and Clothing Bank –

As mentioned in the end-of-year reports, renovations on the brick building continue to progress. Most of the interior work is complete, and the walk-in freezer unit has been delivered and installed. The walk-in refrigerator unit is still in the works – delivery date not yet known.

The reason behind these renovations and upgrades is to better serve the needs of our community. With these structures in place, St. Jacob's Food Pantry and Clothing Bank are going to increase our distribution to **TWICE** every month, starting in April 2020. Distributions will be on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

Hunger is very much present in our community – 1 in 10 adults, and (at least) 1 in 6 children, are “food-insecure” (statistics from Central PA Food Bank web-site). We have been consistently serving around 80-110 families each month. Each box of food contains staple items (pasta, peanut butter, canned goods, cereal, etc.), some frozen meat, and whatever fresh produce is available. By itself, this is probably less than a weeks worth of food for most of our clients. By distributing twice a month, we can make an even bigger impact in our clients' lives – we can provide nourishing meals to seniors, veterans, adults, families, and children that would otherwise go without.

As we begin this endeavor – **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are going to need to see some new faces volunteering on the distribution days, as well as packing days (Thursdays before distribution) and clothing bank work sessions (dates will be announced).

Please prayerfully consider helping out. The challenge is still in place – we would love if every person in the congregation would help just 1 time this year – whether a distribution, packing, or working with the clothing bank.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday March 3 @ 9AM – clothing bank sorting

Thursday March 5 @ 9AM – pack food boxes for March distribution

Saturday March 7 9-11AM – food box distribution/ clothing bank open

Saturday April 4 – food box distribution/ clothing bank open

Saturday April 18 - food box distribution/ clothing bank open

Additional dates for packing boxes and clothing bank will be announced as they are set. Please watch the newsletters and bulletins as well for events.

If you have questions or would like more information, please see Lynn Becker

Upcoming Events

2020 Communion Dates:

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

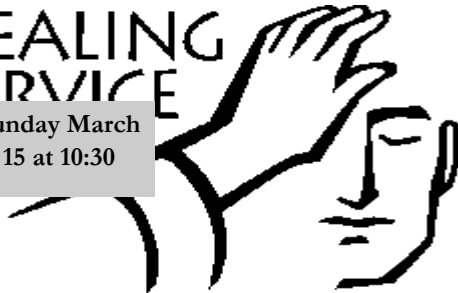
November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

December 24 - Christmas Eve



HEALING
SERVICE

Sunday March
15 at 10:30



Newsletter Articles Due March 20,
2020

Thank you!



Soup Sale



The Soup Sale is currently taking place and you are going to want some of the delicious, yummy soup! Purchase a quart of Chicken Corn Soup or Ham & Bean Soup for \$6.00! The pickup date is March 21st from 10am until noon. Please see Doris Goodling to turn in your order form.

Church Work Day - Spring Clean-up

On March 28th at 9am, we will be having our annual Spring Clean-up within the church. The more hands there are, the faster our tasks will be complete! If you can join us - even for a little bit - please come on by!



Cemetery Clean-up

Will be held Friday, March 20th. We ask that any flowers or items you would like to keep, please have them removed from gravesites prior to our clean-up date. Any volunteers to help are appreciated, as always. Please see Lynn Markel with any questions.

Young at Heart

We will be meeting on March 31st at 10am here at the church to fill eggs for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.



Sub and Pretzel Sandwich Sale

We will be holding a sub and sandwich sale to benefit the 2020 Back Bay Mission Trip. The subs and pretzel sandwiches will be \$5.50. Order forms are due March 15 and pick up will be from 4-6 on March 25th. Return your order forms to Kim and Ashley Criswell.

Upcoming Events



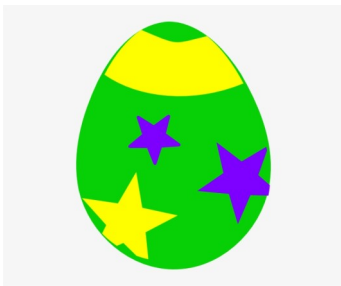
PA Dutch Dinner

The P.A. Dutch Dinner will be on Saturday April 25. Serving time will be from 4 p.m. -6 p.m. Adult tickets cost \$13.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Children 6-12 cost \$6.50 in advance and \$7.50 at the door. Children 5 and under FREE! The meal includes all you can eat pot pie, hog maw, snitz and knepp, roll, apple sauce, coleslaw, and your choice of dessert. Tickets are now on sale.

We are looking for people to donate desserts for the P.A. Dutch Dinner and there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

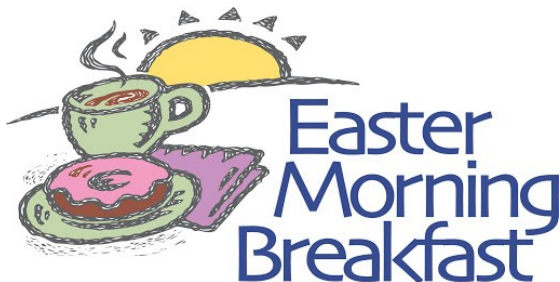
Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 4th we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt starting at 11:00 a.m. The event includes a special visit from the Easter Bunny and snack that includes hot dogs, chips and punch! You will have a hopping good time filled with eggcitement!



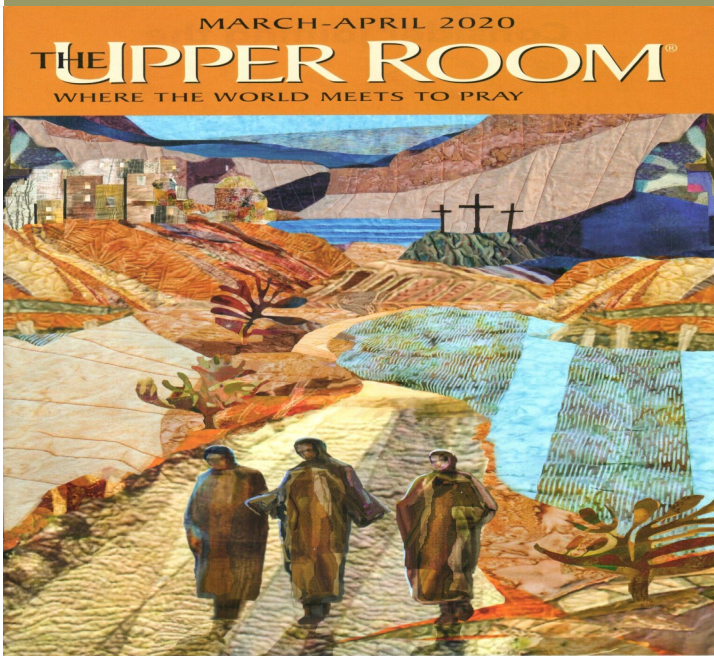
Easter Egg Hunt Donations—Due Sunday March 29th

As the Easter Egg Hunt approaches we will be accepting candy and monetary donations until March 29th. Candy donations must be individually wrapped and can be put in the box located outside of the sanctuary and monetary donations can be given directly to Ashley or Kim Criswell. As we get closer to the event we will be looking for volunteers to help us out!



Easter Breakfast--April 12th

Join us at our church on April 12th for our annual Easter Breakfast with great food and fellowship after the early dawn service. Please sign up on the sheet outside the office if you plan on attending.



Our new The Upper Room for March - April 2020 is available in outside our church office please feel free to pick on up today.

NO CASH NEEDED FUNDRAISER.....



What could be better than a fundraiser that requires no money; and pretty much no work!? All you need to do is save your cancelled US postage stamps that come on letters, cards, bills, etc. Cross Keys Village Stamp Group processes, organizes and sells then in lots to philatelic resellers. The group (40 volunteers) meets weekly (since 1981) to carefully remove the stamps from the envelopes. They process over one (1) million stamps per year. Proceeds from this activity nets more than \$4,000 in profit each year. These funds are given to the Good Samaritan fund to defray costs of healthcare for residents, or used to purchase items that benefit the entire community. Envelopes with cancelled stamps may be saved as is, or the stamp can be cut from the envelope, allowing a half inch border. If the border is cut too close, the value of the stamp is diminished. A box to collect the stamps/envelopes has been placed in the lobby area. Any questions may be directed to Velinda.

The Gift

*For a child will be born for us,
a son will be given to us . . .
Isaiah 9:6*

This year our congregation gave a lovely gift \$21806 these monies will go towards the principal of our mortgage which by receiving this gift we are able to cut down on the number of scheduled payments

Special Dates

March Birthdays

March 1st	Merissa Hamilton
3rd	Erin Cucarese
5th	Linda Wolfe
6th	Brianna Yost
11th	Ellen Harbold
14th	Emily Forry
19th	Rilynn McClary
21st	Nichole Shubert
22nd	Thelma Russell
	Sam Wagaman
	Brian Wagaman
23rd	John Stough
24th	Holly Geiple
28th	Richard Forry
	Eugene (Buddy) Goodling
29th	Linda Claycomb
31st	John Eyster II



P.U.S.H.

(Pray Until Something Happens)



- Stu M.
- Judy G.
- Joellyn S.
- Barry D.
- John H.
- Niki
- Lois B.
- Linda C.
- Kelly A.
- Bud & Wendy B.
- Holly G.
- Larry H.
- Markle Family
- Marlene D.
- Richard P.
- Johnson Family
- Danny

March Anniversaries

March 16th	Rich & Melissa Forry
28th	Earle & Linda Wolfe

We want to thank our church family so very much for all the prayers, hugs and concerns. The care you have shown to us and Corey during his illness is and was so very much appreciated.

Thank you!!

With Love

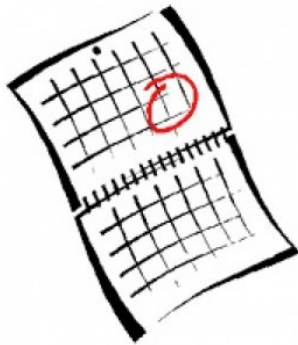
Lynn & Gloria

Thank You

I am so grateful for your support and kindness.



2020 ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE



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 - Heather Kuhn

November - Nancy McIntyre and Kathryn Forry

December - Cheryl Paules and Heather Kuhn

DARLA SPRINGER/LENA GINGERICH - Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship in the above name is available to students who are members of St. Jacob's UCC. Students must be accepted into a post-secondary institution prior to the time of application. Detailed information is available upon request through the church office or any member of consistory.

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

MARCH CALENDAR

2/21/2020 Google Calendar - March 2020

SUN Mar 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Sunday Sch 10:30am Worship Sr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Cub Scout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Clothing Bank 6pm Day Care Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Parent & Sc 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Food Pantry
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soup Sale Due 9:30am Sunday Sch 10:30am Free Serv 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Cub Scout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm ELC teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Choir 			
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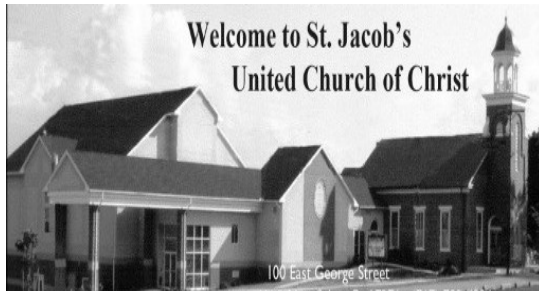
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Search Committee update



As mentioned in February's newsletter, the search committee was reviewing a pastoral profile that was received in Jan. The committee did conduct a first and second interview with this candidate and has decided to move forward and request the Penn Central Conference with assistance in setting up a neutral pulpit for the committee to hear this candidate preach. Continued prayers for our search journey is appreciated.

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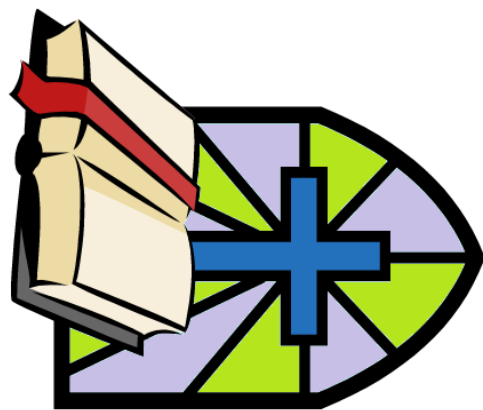
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St. Jacob's Mission Statement

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.