

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 ...

Greeting to all - Or as Jesus would say “Shalom”
(The Peace of God go with you)

March 6 is Ash Wednesday. Lent begins. When I was 12, the biggest thing about lent was figuring out what to give up. Perhaps you had the same experience.

If so, then maybe you, like me, tried to give up school, smoking, driving, paying the bills –and especially-girls? Today it sounds silly– even funny. But on another level, we were giving up nothing. It was too easy-and therefore didn't mean too much.

The whole idea of sacrificing was missing. Lent was to be a time to approximate the suffering & sacrifice of Jesus by denying ourselves. Did the traditions of “giving up” something actually work?

Maybe we need to consider a new path to celebrate lent? Maybe ask— what does my neighbor need? What do I have to share –time, funding ect. Who can I pray for? The list is endless, but we have to pick something and then follow through.

Let this be our Lenten challenge: Take a step forward for Jesus—a step that blesses others.

Shalom,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President

Psalm 50:1

"The Lord, the only true God, has spoken. He has summoned the earth from where the sun rises to where it sets."

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

As March has reached our door step and our weather has definitely kept each of us on our toes but it has in no way stopped us from doing some really great things. Our soup challenge was a fantastic event with our sister church we raised 2156 (soup or monies) for our food bank how great is that! We held a wonderful basket and bag bingo with some delicious food which so many came and enjoyed. We held a Valentine dance with some great music and yummy treats which was a wonderful social time for all that attended and were able to enjoy. Thank you Fred for the truly beautiful piece of art you created and raffled off that evening. The art you create and share with us is wonderful gift and I know we are all so happy to see what next you may be creating. March is full of wonderful events giving us all time to share with each other and give us that best opportunity to open our doors and welcome all to enjoy also. We have a community breakfast this gives us a great opportunity to feed those that are hungry and spend a moment sharing a conversation with someone that truly needs ear to listen and spend time with. We have a Victorian dance planned again which if you have a moment and want to have a fantastic evening you really need to come and listen to the music. See the beautiful costumes the ladies and gentlemen wear hear some history as to why they do what they do and most importantly take a moment and dance as if none are watching.

So be brave St. Jacobs open your hearts and brush off the dare devil inside yourself and come and enjoy all we offer.

Sincerely,

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

St Jacobs UCC Consistory Minutes January 2019
Meeting are held the third Monday of the month @ 7pm in St. Jacobs UCC.
January 2019

Opening: 6:09pm

Present: Consistory members: Pastor Rick, Heather Kuhn, Lynn Johnson. Others attending: Dorine Hagarman

Minutes for December 2018

Motion to approve by earlier email to Consistory members

2nd by email to Consistory members

All Approved

Old Business

Pastor Rick submitted a reference for inclusion in our Pastoral Search Profile

New Business

Early Learning Center is looking to hire additional teaching staff,

Early Learning Center arranging a field trip to New Salem Elementary by Pre-Kindergarten staff, possible partnership with the school,

ELC state inspection went well, state documentation still pending

Letters of Transfer to be sent for Pastor Rick and Taylor Sipe

Discussions

Include ELC in Pastoral Search profile?

Possible live nativity next year with St. Jacob's Lutheran

Make the dance coming up in May free?

WGAL to be used for weather alerts

Chocolate Fundraiser net proceeds will add to ELC play area modifications

March 9th free Community breakfast sponsored by the St. Jacob's Community Food Pantry to be advertised at local shops, newsletter, bulletins and outdoor sign

Bring children to sing in church more often

Easter Breakfast to be hosted by St. Jacob's Lutheran

Action Steps To Be Taken

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm

Motion was made by Lynn Johnson

2nd by Heather Kuhn

All in favor

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

Meeting adjourned 06:47p.m.

TO YOU WHO BRING SMALL CHILDREN TO CHURCH

There you are sitting in worship or bible study. Your child, or toddler, is restless. Perhaps they're even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the auditorium. All the while, you're a little embarrassed. Maybe you're a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, "There's no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid."

I want you— you mothers and/or fathers—to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The little elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sigh of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because hearing that brings back precious memories. To see young parents and their small children brighten her day, and she may have just received bad news this week about her health, but seeing the vitality of young ones removes—if but for a moment— her fears.

The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always been talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of good. But, he sees you—a young family—in church, and you don't miss any gatherings. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to worship.

Bring your children to church. If you don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep, keep on doing what you're doing. You are an encouragement, and you're starting off your children's lives as you should.



ST. JACOB'S FOOD PANTRY 2019 Capital Improvement Project

Since approximately May, 2018 fresh produce for the pantry's monthly food distribution to recipients has been limited. From late 2017 through April/May, 2018 varying amounts of fresh produce on pallets had been received from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank ("CPFBB") located in Harrisburg. About May, 2018 the CPFBB made the determination that the sole, once a month, Saturday delivery of produce to our St. Jacob's Food Pantry could not be sustained. Given our local pantry's lack of refrigeration space, the availability of fresh produce for a first Saturday of the month distribution was limited to that produce that could be kept in good condition when received from CPFBB on a regularly scheduled 4th Thursday of the previous month. From time to time this holding period is not two days, but nine days.

Currently our local pantry has a standing three-door, reach-in refrigeration unit and four operational standing freezer units. The shelf capacity of the three-door refrigeration unit is less than the quantity of produce on one pallet of fresh produce. Generally, having a pallet of produce is about what it takes to provide for the 110 families or more that have been making use of our local pantry. The standing freezer units can accommodate frozen meats and fish which are distributed monthly, but are insufficient to store enough frozen turkeys at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

Our food pantry has a pallet jack that is used to move pallets around the monthly distribution area. If a truck with a lift-gate were rented, a pallet of food could possibly be picked up the Friday before distribution and stored inside the Lutheran's facility through their 2017 installed access door and turning down the air conditioning in that space. Unless produce was manually transferred from one pallet to another only a single pallet could be transported, moved onto the truck's lift gate, lowered to ground level and moved inside. While having one pallet of produce to distribute is better than none, the availability of produce from CPFBB has been more extensive, and the ability to have adequate person power on a sustained, monthly basis to manually transfer produce is probably a real question.

A more sustainable solution is proposed as follows:

- Acquire a new freestanding pole-barn type shed to accommodate items stored in the rear of the Lutheran church's brick building. Snow blowers, lawn care equipment, ladders, and miscellaneous items. The pantry's current refrigerator and freezer units are located in the front portion of this building.

- Retrofit the existing brick building to accommodate a walk-in refrigerator unit and a walk-in freezer unit that have pallet wide doors.

- Current electrical service needs to be upgraded, Met-Ed would provide the service upgrade to the nearby existing pole and install a new building meter, interior wiring would be completed by Dave Trone and others,

- Wider building doorway opening needed to allow pallets to enter/exit,

- Existing refrigeration unit would be removed and the remainder of the interior wall separating space between the front and back half of the building would be taken down,

- Existing freezers would be retained and positioned along one side of the building as back-up.

- Cost to accomplish the project: \$4,500 for a new building shell and floor, \$3,500 for electrical service and wiring, \$11,000 for new walk-in refrigeration and freezer equipment, other work and contingency \$1,000. Total cost \$20,000.

Funding: \$10,000 from existing food pantry resources and up to \$10,000 from St. Jacob's UCC. As of December 31, 2018, our Benevolence Fund had \$13,349 on hand, dollars remaining from our 2018 Back Bay mission trip were another \$4,900, for total resources available of \$18,249.

Lenten Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Ash Wednesday March 6 My Sin Is Before Me. God will not despise a broken and contrite heart. Ps.51:3-8, 12-14, 17	March 7 Take Up Your Cross. Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus. Lk. 9:22-25	March 8 Help Those In Need. Feed the hungry, shelter and clothe the poor. Is.58:1-9	March 9 Called to Repent. Jesus came to call sinners to repentance. Lk. 5:27-32
March 10 The Word Is Near You. All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Rom 10:8-13	March 11 The Lord is Holy. You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy. Lk 19:1-2, 11-18	March 12 The Word Sent Forth. The Word of God will accomplish his purpose. Is. 55:10-11	March 13 The Sign of Jonah. Behold, something greater than Jonah is here. Lk 11:29-32	March 14 Ask, Seek, Knock. Ask, and it will be given to you, seek and you will find. Mt. 7:7-12	March 15 Lord, Hear My Voice. With the Lord there is steadfast love and redemption. Ps. 1:30:1-8	March 16 Love Your Enemies. Love your enemies; pray for those persecute you. Mt. 5:43-48
March 17 Number the Stars. The Lord made a covenant with Abraham. Gn. 15:5-12, 17-18	March 18 Forgive Others. Be merciful, as your heavenly Father is merciful. Lk. 6:36-38	March 19 Hope in the Promise. Faith in Christ Jesus is counted as righteousness. Rom. 4:11, 16-18, 22	March 20 To Give His Life. The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom. Mt. 20:17-28	March 21 By Streams of Water. Blessed is the man who delights in the law of the Lord. Ps. 1:1-4, 6	March 22 The Stone Rejected. The stone rejected by the builders is the cornerstone. Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46	March 23 Lost and Found. Celebrate, for my son who was lost has been found. Lk. 15:1-3, 11-31
March 24 Peace with God. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8	March 25 Call His Name Jesus. The child to be born will be holy, the Son of God. Lk 1:26-38	March 26 Forgive Your Brother. Forgive others as you have been forgiven by God. Mt. 18:21-35	March 27 The Lord God is Near. The Lord our God is near to us when we call on him. Dt. 4:1, 5-9	March 28 By the Finger of God. The kingdom of God has come upon you. Lk. 11:14-23	March 29 Walk in His Ways. Return to the Lord and dwell in His shadow. Hos. 14:2-10	March 30 On the Third Day. God will raise us on the third day to live before him. Hos. 6:1-7
March 31 Walk in the Light. You are light in the Lord; walk as children of the light. Eph. 5:8-14	April 1 No More Weeping. God will create a new heaven and new earth. Is. 65:17-21	April 2 God Is Our refuge. Come and Behold the works of the Lord. Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9	April 3 Honor the Son. The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and live. Jn. 5:17-30	April 4 Believe the Word. The Scriptures bear witness to Jesus, the Son of God. Jn. 5:31-47	April 5 This is the Christ. No one arrested Jesus; his hour had not yet come. Jn. 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	April 6 Like a Lamb. Jesus was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. Jer. 11:18-20
April 7 Risen to Life. I am the resurrection and the life; believe in me. Jn. 11:1-45	April 8 I will Fear No Evil. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Ps. 23:1-6	April 9 The Son Lifted Up. Lift up the Son of Man and know that I am he. Jn 8:21-30	April 10 The Truth Frees You. The Son will set you free and you will be free indeed. Jn. 8:31-42	April 11 Father of Nations. I will make my covenant between me and you. Gn. 17:3-9	April 12 Jesus is God's Son. Jesus' enemies seek to arrest him for blasphemy. Jn. 10:31-42	April 13 A Covenant of Peace. God will make an everlasting covenant with his People. Ez. 37:21-28
April 14 Palm Sunday Humble Lord. Jesus was obedient to the point of death on a cross. Phil. 2:6-11.	April 15 Anointed for Burial. Mary anoints Jesus for the day of his burial. Jn. 12:1-11	April 16 One Will Betray Him. Now God will be glorified in the Son of Man. Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38	April 17 With the Twelve. Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples. Mt. 26:14-25	April 18 Maundy Thursday My Body, My Blood This cup is the new covenant in Jesus' blood. 1 Cor. 11:23-26	April 19 Good Friday Jesus is Crucified He said, "It is finished." and gave up his spirit. Jn. 18:1, 19-42	April 20 Buried in Baptism Buried with Jesus in baptism and raised to new life. Rom. 6:3-11
April 21 EASTER SUNDAY Christ is Risen. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Mt. 28:1-10						



St. Jacobs UCC (York New Salem)
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Dear St. Jacobs UCC (York New Salem),

Thank you for your generous gift to Back Bay Mission! Your gift to ***Friends of the Mission*** makes it possible to meet the most urgent needs of the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Your gift is already at work strengthening neighborhoods, seeking justice, and transforming lives. You're helping a homeowner stay in their home, providing homeless families with apartments, making sure people have enough food, and giving people the support they need to make their lives better.

Most importantly, your gift is making sure that Back Bay Mission is here to provide a safe and welcoming place for everyone who comes through our doors. Thank you for partnering with us through your generous gift. We – and those we serve – are ever grateful.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alice Graham".

Rev. Alice Graham, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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seeking justice,
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**BACK BAY
MISSION**



Dear Rick,

'Bobby' was homeless and at 72 his health was seriously deteriorating. Bobby has struggled with his health for the last few years, and through a few classes with the Community Health Worker at Back Bay Mission, he discovered that his blood pressure was dangerously high. In fact, it was beyond stroke level, so it was imperative that he receive medical care. With the help of the Community Health Worker, he was able to receive that care. Following his hospital stay, Bobby was placed in an apartment through the Home at Last Program at Back Bay Mission. The Home at Last program will provide him with wrap around services to support his work on the path to self-sustainability. We all know we need reassurance and encouragement as we do the work to make major changes in our lives.

Back Bay Mission needs your help to build our capacity to support those in dire need find their path to sustainability. We cannot do this alone. We need your donations and your prayers to keep the programs such as Bridges Out of Poverty, the Micah Day Center Case Management, Home at Last and the Veterans Support Fund functioning. We need you to join us in meeting people wherever they are on their journey to sustainability.



January 23, 2019

Dear Partners in Christ:

The vision of a body united - in purpose, in mission, in vision - is one that inspired the birth of our denomination. All of our spiritual impulses reverberate in an effort to call us into a more perfect union. Throughout our shared history as a people of faith and as a part of the Body of Christ, we have challenged ourselves to widen the circle of inclusion. Widening the circle has always come with growth pains as we shed old skins and welcome those whom we had previously thought unwelcome. And, with each new articulation of a more fully expressed Body of Christ we have realized new joy. Through it all we remain focused on the call to be one and committed to meeting the challenges inherent in that call.

We are now living in and through a season when the threats to unity are legion. Talk of walls that mark refugees as threats, labels like 'terrorist' that attach too easily to Muslims, overt racial bias that normalizes fear and hatred, a pandemic of abuse to women with the trigger reflex to forgive the men who author that abuse have turned America into a land many of us no longer recognize and that too many of us are finding harder and harder to reconcile with our faith.

Now more than ever, the Holy Spirit of the Living God and the Risen Christ is seeking to partner with anyone committed to unifying the human community. The gospel mandate to love our neighbor as we love ourselves resonates deep within us. It calls for the better angels among and within us to always resist impulses to hate, to condemn, to vilify, or to castigate. In such a time as this, the United Church of Christ's call to fulfill the prayer of Jesus, that they may all be one, stands as an urgent mandate to disciples who envision a just world for all.

United with you in God's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Dorhauer".

The Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President

Officers of the Church

Rev. John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President

Rev. Traci D. Blackmon
Associate General Minister
Justice and Local Church Ministries

Rev. James A. Moos
Associate General Minister
Global Engagement and Operations
Co-executive for Global Ministries

FREE

**COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

**ST. JACOB'S UCC
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

(Please enter through lobby doors
under the roof/portico.)

Elevator access available.)

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Donut Social

On March 3rd at 6 p.m. we will be having our donut social. Come enjoy a delicious fasnacht donut and a fun evening of socializing.

Church Spring Cleanup Day

Our spring cleanup day will be held on March 30th 8am -? A sign up sheet will be posted outside the office to see how many volunteers we will be having. Our main effort is to clean the sanctuary and have it looking nice for all the Easter services, but we will also be doing other cleaning and sprucing up around the church. Any time you can give to help with this will be GREATLY appreciated.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations—Due Sunday March 31st

As the Easter Egg Hunt approaches we will be accepting candy and monetary donations until March 31st. 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 Candy Sale

We will be doing an Easter Candy Sale to benefit the Building Fund. Please fill out an order form sitting outside the sanctuary and return it to Ashley or Kim Criswell by April 7th the orders will be ready for pickup at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th

Cemetery Spring Cleaning

Please have everything you want to keep off of cemetery grounds by April 12th 2019.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 13th 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!

PA Dutch Dinner

The P.A. Dutch Dinner will be on Saturday April 6. 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.

Soup Sale

St. Jacob's UCC is having another soup sale! Soup include chicken corn and Ham bean soup. Price will be \$6 a quart. Please turn your order in to Doris Goodling by March 3rd 2019. Pickup will be March 16th.

Spring Grove Jazz Band

The jazz band at Spring Grove High School will be coming out to perform for us on April 28th at 7pm. Come enjoy a night of good music and fellowship.

Special Dates

February Birthdays

March 1st	Merissa Hamilton
March 3rd	Erin Cucarese
March 5th	Linda Wolfe
March 6th	Brianna Yost
March 11th	Ellen Harbold
March 14th	Emily Forry
March 19th	Rilynn McClary
March 21st	Nichole Shubert
March 22nd	Thelma Russell Sam Wagaman Brian Wagaman
March 23rd	John Stough
March 24th	Holly Geiple
March 26th	Loretta Landis
March 27th	Corey Markel
March 28th	Richard Forry Eugene (Buddy) Goodling
March 29th	Linda Claycomb
March 31st	John Eyster II



February Anniversaries

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

P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Cindy S.
- Glenn K
- Linda C.
- Judy G.
- Kathaleen R.
- Wendy B.
- Lois B.
- Claude R. Family
- Evelyn Thomn
- Stu Markel Family
- Nikki S
- Jeff Winter
- Steph
- Emily F
- Billy H
- Elena H
- Sid G
- Family of Ruth Wherly
- George S



2019 Altar Guild Schedule

March – Scott & Lynn Becker

April – Amy Meyer & Wendy Bubb

May – Doris Goodling & Lou Ann Markle

June – Mary Brungard & Janet Hengst

July – Michele Harper & Dorine Hagarman

August – Taylor Sipe & Velinda Johnson

September – Deneen Harbold & Dorine Hagarman

October – Kimberly Starnner & Heather Kuhn

November – Nancy McIntrye & Kathryn Forry

December – Tom & Heather Kuhn

March 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Food Pantry 9am
3 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30 Doughnut Social 7pm	4 Boy Scouts 7pm	5	6 Choir Practice 7pm	7	8	9 Community Break- fast
10 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30 Communion Malaya Gohn Bingo	11 Boy Scouts 7pm	12 Day Care staff meeting 6pm	13 Choir Practice 7pm	14	15 Day Care Picture Day	16 Soup sale
17 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30	18 Boy Scouts 7pm Consistory 7pm Spring Grove Closed	19	20 Choir Practice 7pm	21	22 Newsletter Article Due	23
24 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30	25 Boy Scouts 7pm	26	27 Choir Practice 7pm	28	29	30 Spring Work Day 8am
31 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30						

Schedule of Events

- March 2nd - Food Pantry
- March 4th - Scouts 7pm
- March 9th - Community Breakfast
- March 12th - Day Care Staff Meeting 6pm
- March 18th - Scouts/Consistory 7pm
- March 25th - Scouts 7pm
- March 30th - Spring Work Day
- March 3rd - Doughnut Social 7pm
- March 6th - Choir Practice 7pm
- March 10th - Malaya Gohn Bingo
- March 13th - Choir Practice 7pm
- March 20th - Choir Practice
- March 27th - Choir Practice 7pm

January 2019 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

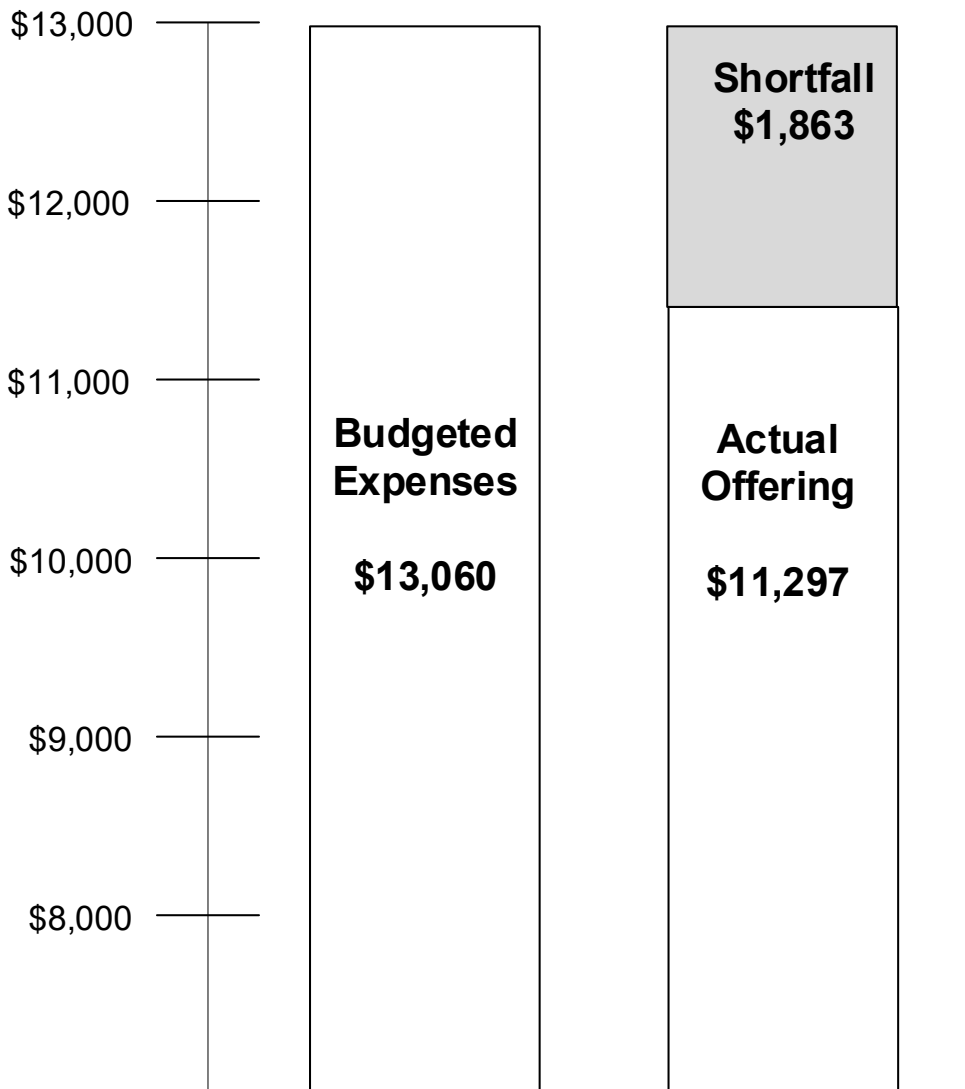
The chart below shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the first month of 2019.

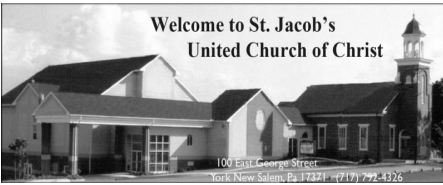
The numbers through the end of January showed a combined shortfall in the General and Building Funds of \$1,863 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings. Most of this shortfall can be attributed to inclement weather we had for several Sundays in January.

The Early Learning Center made it's shared expense payments of \$700 per week, which helped maintain a balance between overall cash receipts and cash disbursements.

Budget Numbers for January 2019

Covers 4 Sundays Combined General and Building Funds





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.

We're on the Web!
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