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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

The obvious has been out in stores for weeks: It's commercial Christmas time. Buy! Buy! Buy!

No thank you, I don't need it. It's as bad as writing "X-mas" instead of Christmas. Perhaps it is a financial trick? Or one of those untrustworthy conspiracy theories at work? [like forgetting it's the birthday of Jesus-Our Savior]

On the other hand, it does remind some people to drop in for worship on Christmas Eve. [we'll probably see them again at Easter] About 10-15 years ago the singer-songwriter Jackson Browne ruffled a few feathers with his insightful song "The Rebel Jesus." It's a Christmas song from the viewpoint of an outsider. Jackson sees the great gap between what Christians do at Christmas time and what exists for the rest of the year.

It's true- to a degree- for as well. We run missions all year long. But they do pick up at this time of year. They should, it is colder. People need more clothing, food, and shelter to survive. And we respond.

This year we've added some clothing items for the vets at Mr. Sandy's. Last year we sent some 40+ coats and toys for the homeless children. This year we add heavy socks and "long johns" for the vets.

They are not alone. People care. We, the church, the Children of God care.

This is why Jesus came to us to let us know God cares. We can rest assured knowing that God is with us. Come Hell or high water and everything/anything in between- we are not alone.

So- let the season begin. Share it with others. Not just in the stores or malls- but in conversations, smiles, sharing, and hugs. See Jesus in those around you. [then it's Christmas all year long]

Blessings To All,

Pastor Rick

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Budget



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

		RECEIPTS		
	AMOUNT	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
BALANCE AUGUST 31, 2019	\$863.12			
RECEIPTS:		09/01/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	\$4,396.00
OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS	9,194.00	09/08/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	3,538.00
EARLY LEARNING CENTER		09/15/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	1,260.00
SHARED EXPENSES	2,800.00	09/22/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	1,228.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		09/29/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	1,572.00
PAYMENTS MADE	(8,740.50)		TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$11,994.00
BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2019	<u>\$4,116.62</u>			<u>=====</u>

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

		RECEIPTS		
	AMOUNT	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
BALANCE AUGUST 31, 2019	\$5,192.78			
RECEIPTS:		09/01/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	\$3,340.00
OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS	6,792.00	09/08/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	850.00
DISBURSEMENTS	(4,940.58)	09/15/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	885.00
BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2019	<u>\$7,044.20</u>	09/22/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	673.00
		09/29/19	WEEKLY RECEIPT	1,044.00
			TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$6,792.00

DISBURSEMENTS

DATE	CHECK NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
09/13/19	---	PEOPLESBANK - MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYM'T, PRINCIPAL \$2,306.26, INTEREST \$2,334.32	\$4,640.58
09/30/19	1136	PEOPLESBANK - PROCEEDS FROM 3 TREE OF LIFE LEAVES APPLIED TO PRINCIPAL	300.00
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$4,940.58</u>

AMOUNTS OBLIGATED OR TO BE PAID

NONE

SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BALANCE 08/31/2019:	\$178,697.84	MORTGAGE LOAN JULY 31, 2019	\$562,027.62
INTEREST - MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	296.31	PRINCIPAL PAID SEPTEMBER, 2019	(2,306.26)
2019 REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION DISTRIBUTED TO ACCOUNTS - SEPT.	(575.00)	TREE OF LIFE LEAVES PURCHASED	(300.00)
SAVINGS ACCOUNT-BALANCE 09/30/2019	<u>\$178,419.15</u>	MORTGAGE LOAN AT END OF MONTH	<u>\$559,421.36</u>

SAVINGS BALANCES:

MISSION	\$4,700.00
BENEVOLENCE	5,000.00
EARLY LEARNING CENTER	35,000.00
BUILDING	115,175.75
BUILDING - BELL TOWER	10,000.00
RMD NOT YET ALLOCATED	8,543.40
SAVINGS ACCOUNT-BALANCE 09/30/2019	<u>\$178,419.15</u>

From Our Consistory President

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

2 Corinthians 9:11

11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God's

The month of October has been a busy month with our fall workday, Pot Pie Dinner and the Trunk or Treat all of which were very well attended. I would like to thank all those that we're able to lend a hand as we put an extra shine on our church it was very appreciated. The Pot Pie Dinner was very well attended and the meal if you were able to attend or if you picked up a meal to go was delicious. The Trunk or Treat was full of the princess, ghouls and ghosts I am not sure who had more fun our children or the adults. Our Apple/Pumpkin social this year held special meaning as our weather was not the best only about 6 of our memorial lanterns were able to lift off. It doesn't seem that we are slowing down by any means November is very full as well from All Saints Day on the 3rd as we remember those that passed into heaven this pasted year. Then our joint effort of the food bank/clothing bank as we help those in need and to celebrate the Thanksgiving Season. At the end of the month, we will have an exciting evening of bingo with some delicious food and always some great social time even if you don't win.

Remember our door is always open
Heather



Your search committee was at a neutral pulpit on September 22 to hear a potential candidate preach. After hearing this candidate, the committee met to discuss and did not come to a solid agreement to move forward. In the same week that we were discerning our thoughts on the neutral pulpit candidate, a profile arrived from Penn Central Conference. This profile is one that we received before and we were interested in, but a series of events did not work out for this candidate to come back to this area. We will begin the process of interviewing this candidate to see where God takes us. Please continue to pray for the search committee and the path of our church in this journey.

Ways to Bless Others

100 Little Ways to Bless Others

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye meet withal, it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:38

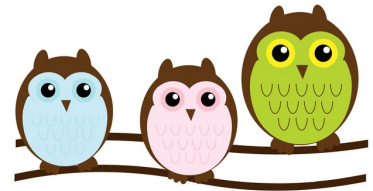
For the Elderly

1. Go visit them, talk with them, and just *listen*
2. Bake them a special treat
3. Take them grocery shopping
4. Read to them from the Bible or a favorite book
5. Sing or play music
6. Watch their favorite show with them
7. Ask them about the things they *love* to talk about
8. Bring them an animal to pet and cuddle
9. Help them with household chores
10. Bring them flowers
11. Help with yard work (mowing, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.)
12. Take them to a Doctors appointment



For Your Family

1. Offer to help a sibling with something today
2. Chat with your mom
3. Give a hug
4. Say "I love you"
5. Clean up after a meal (if this isn't your job already)
6. Make a family member's favorite meal or dessert
7. Write a thank you note or appreciation letter to leave on their pillow
8. Buy them something they have been wanting
9. Deliver breakfast in bed
10. Leave a surprise note on the bathroom mirror



At Church

1. Smile at everyone
2. Say hello to visitors
3. Sit with someone who is by them self (or ask them to sit with you)
4. Pray with someone who needs it
5. Ask for prayer requests
6. Offer a listening ear
7. Exhort and encourage
8. Remember things: names, prayer requests, favorite things
9. Chat with the elderly
10. Hold a mother's baby so she can chat with others
11. Play with little children to keep them out of mischief
12. Give a hug to a struggling girl
13. Pick up and throw away any trash
14. Notice who is missing and give them a call, send a text, or give a note
15. Bring a snack to class (if approved by the teacher)
16. Pray for the Pastor before, during, and after the preaching
17. Thank your Pastor and his family
18. Invite your church family into your home
19. Share books and godly music
20. Remember birthdays
21. Sing or play music



Ways to Bless Others

22. Help in a class
23. Volunteer to work in the nursery
24. Get involved with other ministries during the week
25. Help clean the church
26. Tithe
27. Give during a special offering
28. Thank the pianist
29. Hold the hymnbook for a small child or elderly person
30. Listen to the special music, and thank those who share it

At Work

1. Ask your boss what more you can do to help
2. Bring a treat for your coworkers
3. Share your faith
4. Be positive and grateful – don't be the complaining one
5. Stop the gossip
6. Thank your boss or coworkers
7. Be willing to lend a helping hand
8. Go the *extra* mile

With Your Writing

1. Write a thank you note
2. Write a letter to someone "just because"
3. Write out Bible verses and give them away
4. Email a friend just to check up on her
5. Write an encouragement letter for someone who needs it
6. Send a text to a friend and let them know you are praying for them
7. Write Scripture on post it notes and place them in public places (use discretion)
8. Write Bible verses on cards to place in library books
9. Give a card to a little child
10. Write a poem for someone

Out and About

1. Smile and say hello to others
2. Give up a parking space for someone else
3. Pay for someone else's meal
4. Be kind and patient towards your waiter
5. Leave a generous tip with a gospel tract
6. Hold the door for others
7. Let someone else go in line ahead of you
8. Share coupons at the store
9. Pick up things that have fallen off the shelves
10. Be kind and patient towards the cashier
11. Say "thank you"
12. Give a stranger a sincere compliment
13. Put extra change in a parking meter
14. Pick up trash
15. Wave others on at a stop sign

Other

1. Give away things you don't need or use
2. Treat someone to ice cream
3. Let others borrow your things (and understand they may not return it)
4. Walk your neighbors dog



Upcoming Events!



Scout Troop 97 - Wreathes Across America

Are collecting donations for wreathes again this year if interested please see Heather or Tom Kuhn

Friendly Reminder

Homewood membership renewal fees are due for next year. Please see Doris Goodling for questions or to submit payment. Thank you!

Penn Central Conference's First Men's Retreat

Seasons of a Man's Life is the theme of the Men's Retreat at Hartman Center beginning Friday January 17 at 7 pm, and ending Sunday January 19 early afternoon. Using familiar text Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (To everything there is a season), the men will have an opportunity to experience the phrases of that text in multiple ways (talks, workshops, interactive displays, films, and worshipful moments). This promises to be the beginning of a new tradition in the Conference or maybe a first step in a Men's movement! The cost of the retreat will be \$120. [On-line reservations are now available at the Hartman Center Website.](#)

MITTEN TREE:

We are in the final weeks for donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, etc., to be given to Food Pantry recipients. While you are shopping, or browsing, through the stores, pick up some of the above for the tree; and for those less fortunate than us. I have found some at AC Moore, Dollar Tree, Wal-Mart, etc.

Rose Pins

Fred will be selling his wooden rose pins for \$25 a piece. You can get them in different colors (pink, red, white, etc). Perfect timing for gifts for the holiday season. If interested in ordering, please see Fred Henderson.

BINGO!

Mark your calendars for our bag and purse bingo to be held Sat Nov 23 at 6 pm. The doors will open at 4:30pm. Bring a nonperishable food item and receive a raffle ticket for each item donated. Ticket prices are \$22 in advance or \$25 at the door. All proceeds to benefit our building fund. We hope to see you there!



Newsletter articles for December due November 15th



When Grief **Colors** the Holidays



Dealing with Grief During Holidays and Special Occasions

Offered at WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital and WellSpan York Hospital

This program is presented by WellSpan Health Spiritual Care and Education. This program provides strategies and coping mechanisms for dealing with grief during all holidays and special occasions through lecture, discussion and interaction. Registration required; please call 717-851-2305.

WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2019

Time: 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital, 147 Gettys St.,
Boardroom, Gettysburg

Speaker: The Very Rev. Vasyl Marchak, Manager, WellSpan
Spiritual Care and Education (Gettysburg)

WellSpan York Hospital

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2019

Time: 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: WellSpan York Hospital, 1001 S. George St.,
Medical Education Pavilion, Classroom A/B

Speaker: Rev. Peter Kuhn, Director, WellSpan Spiritual Care
and Education (York)

Please register by Thursday, December 5, 2019 to
eraffensberger3@wellspan.org or (717) 851-2305.



From the Clothing Bank

Thank you to everyone who donated to Blanket Sunday on Oct 20! An update will be given once we have a count of how many blankets were donated – but I'm very sure our clients will appreciate them all!

Upcoming dates to keep in mind:

Distribution is the first Saturday of each month from 9-11 AM. (If any donations are received the week before, we will stay a little after 11 to get things sorted and placed on the shelves.) Distribution dates for the rest of 2019 are **November 2, and December 7.**

We will also be sorting any donations that we receive several other times each month as needed –please be aware the dates previously published are going under some revision as schedules change and we figure out what is going to work the best...we are going to do our best to have both evening and weekday sessions each month so hopefully you can find a time to help. Dates will be announced several weeks in advance. **Next dates for sorting: Tuesday Oct 29 (9 AM-?), Saturday Nov 2 (after distribution), and Thursday Nov 14 (7-9PM).**

The Mitten Trees are up! Donations of hats, gloves/ mittens, and scarves (bought new or handmade new) will be collected until the end of November. These items will be distributed through the clothing bank to our clients at the December distribution.

Donations of all types of clothing are always appreciated! Items can be left in the coat area of the covered entrance (UCC) or placed in the clothing bank room (Lutheran). Please note – we will no longer be accepting underwear or socks unless they are new/ in the package. And please use good judgment on shirts or jackets that have pictures or wording on them – we will not accept anything with offensive images, demeaning words, or items that advertise events that are not in alignment with our combined churches' mission (example – advertising for pub crawls, etc). Remember, someone might say "I got this at St. Jacobs!"

As always, your continued prayers and support for the food bank/ clothing pantry is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please let me know.

Lynn Becker



Women's Book Study

(Held at the Lutheran Church)

Beginning on Wednesday, September 18 and continuing on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, Tammy Fant will be leading a women's book study from 6:30 - 8:00pm at the Lutheran church.

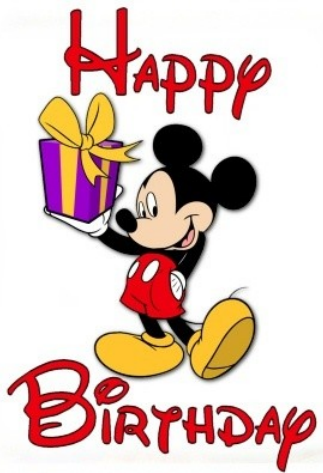
Ladies, plan to be here for what promises to be enlightening discussion that will help you feel connected to God and each other! Purchase of the book is not required to participate in the study. Questions?

See Tammy or call her at 717-801-2836.

Special Dates

November Birthdays

November 5th	Rodney McCarron
November 8th	Lynn Johnson
November 10th	Robert Delaronde Jr. Shelly Shubert
November 11th	Dorine Hagarman
November 15th	Jay Claycomb
November 17th	Scott Becker
November 21st	Megan Mellinger
November 23rd	Tyler Johnson
November 26th	Pat Lentz
November 28th	Mario Janssen



November Anniversaries

November 4th	Matthew & Ellen Harbold
November 7th	Tom & Heather Kuhn



P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- Barb H.
- Donna M.
- Donna R.
- Linda C.
- Lois B.
- Joellyn S.
- Kathaleen R.
- Bud and Wendy B.
- Barry D.
- Claude R. Family
- Evelyn T.
- Stu M.
- Dorothy E.
- Cindy S.
- Kelly A.
- Judy G.
- Ann B.
- Family of Gerald M.
- Janet & John H.
- Nikki A.
- George S.
- Vallie S.
- Larry H.
- Mark K.
- Jim H. and Family
- Holly G.
- Viola K.
- Scott B.
- Family of Donna L.
- Corey M.
- Anna G.
- Stonesifer family
- Stuempfle family
- Marlene D.



2019 Altar Guild Schedule

November – Nancy McIntrye & Kathryn Forry

December – Tom & Heather Kuhn

Communion 12-1-19 & 12-24-19

Communion Sunday Duties

Arrive by 9am to begin preparation

Communion trays are located within the cabinet in the Altar room on the left of the sanctuary along with Communion chalice.

One loaf of bread is needed. Please cut into cubes.

Communion cups are located on the third shelf of the cabinet in the Altar room

Wine and white grape fruit juice will be located within the fridge in the closet in the all purpose room. Please do not over fill cups.

Take the Communion trays and chalice to the sanctuary. Place on the Communion table and cover with white cloth prior to service beginning.

At the conclusion of the service please take the trays to the kitchen for clean up. Pour the used wine and grape fruit juice out. Please don't pour back into the bottle. The used bread can be tossed out for the birds or you can take home.

Once the trays are wiped out please return them back to the cabinet for storage until the next communion.

Also remember to change the Altar covers at the end of the service. Check the calendar to see what the next Sunday's cover color should be.

Back Bay Mission Trip

We are now within a year of the next mission trip to Back Bay Mission! We now have 15 people signed up for our trip in September 2020, with slots remaining for 5 more.

If you know of anyone outside the congregation who may be interested in going please talk with Rev. Rick or myself.

At our meeting in September the main topic of discussion was fundraisers. As of that meeting we had close to \$5,000 of the estimated \$12,000 we will need to cover the costs for the trip. The ideas/plans we discussed were:

Continued sandwich sales – this has been our best, and most consistent fund raiser

Fred is making hand carved roses of various colors that he is selling for \$25

We are planning two different paint parties, one similar to what we've done in the past, and another to make signs for indoors or outdoors

And since the meeting another venture we're moving forward with is making angels from our old unused hymnals, which we will be selling for \$10 each

More information, and order forms/signup sheets will follow for all of these ventures as plans firm up. So keep an eye out for updates in the Sunday bulletin and on the church bulletin boards.

As a reminder, one change we have decided for this next trip is a *request* for each

Thank you,
Scott Becker



PURSE/BAG BINGO NOVEMBER 23, 2019

**Sponsored By:
St. Jacob's UCC Members**

Proceeds
benefit
Building
Fund

**Tickets Available:
St. Jacob's UCC
717-792-4326**

**Bingo Starts
6:00 P.M.
Doors Open
4:30 P.M.**

**Advance Ticket Price: \$22.00
or \$25.00 Day of the Event**

Includes:

- Meal: baked potpie, sandwiches, salads, dessert and beverage
- Snacks
- Chance at Door Prizes
- 20 Games of Bingo

Bring a nonperishable food item
and receive a raffle
ticket for each item you bring.
Cans donated to: St. Jacob's Food Bank
Prize: Longaberger Basket

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November 2019

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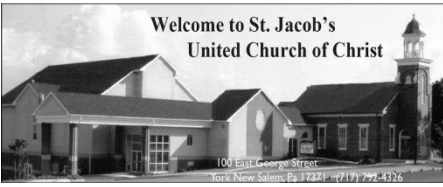
Google Calendar - November 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 ● 9:30am Sunday Sch ● 10:30am Worship Si ● 11:30am Back Bay I	28 ● 6:30pm Cub Scout	29	30 ● 7pm Choir	31	Nov 1	2 ● 9am Food Pantry
3 ● 9:30am Sunday Sch ● 10:30am Worship Si ● 11:30am Back Bay I	4 ● 6:30pm Cub Scout	5 ● 6pm Day Care Boar	6 ● 7pm Choir	7	8	9
10 ● 9:30am Sunday Sch ● 10:30am Worship Si	11 ● 6:30pm Cub Scout	12 ● 6pm ELC teachers	13 ● 7pm Choir	14	15 News letter Articles D	16
17 ● 9:30am Sunday Sch ● 10:30am Worship Si	18 ● 6:30pm Cub Scout ● 7pm Consistory Me	19	20 ● 7pm Choir	21	22 ● 6pm Bingo Set-Up	23 ● 6pm Bingo
24 ● 9:30am Sunday Sch ● 10:30am Worship Si	25 ● 6:30pm Cub Scout	26	27 ● 7pm Choir	28	29	30

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/r/month/2019/11/1>



Just a reminder to set your clocks back on November 3rd.



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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