

November Newsletter



St. Jacob's UCC

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Susan's Scribbles

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November greetings to St Jacob's friends and family,

By the time you read this, we at St Jacobs, will be in the process of, or be done with our vote to establish whether or not I will continue as your called and settled pastor. This call process has been a long one, to be sure, however, I'm grateful for the three months we've have had to get to know one another better. I'm hopeful that the vote will be affirmative and we will continue our journey together into the New Year and I sincerely hope that you are looking forward to working together and discerning what, where and how God may be calling us to be. However, if the vote goes the other way know that I have truly appreciated our time together.

As we journey together it's important to name the reality that things will not be perfect and mistakes will be made, like the misspelling of some names on All Saint's Day (please see apology at the end of this note). Beyond clerical mistakes such as this we know we won't always agree and at times tensions will escalate. This is the nature of vital relationships with each other and with God. Think about the other (real) relationships in your life. Although we all have an idealized notion of how church should be, AND , although we generally aspire to that ideal (Read Philippians 4:1-9) we often fall short which is why we include "Acknowledging our need of God's grace" each week in worship. God offers reconciliation and healing on an ongoing basis to each one of us as well as to our community. We walk in covenant wrapped in grace and truth as part of the "Body of Christ."

As we enjoy the cooling temperatures, the vibrant colors of autumn, crispy apples and warm sweaters (or shawls) may our hearts be warmed with God's love and may we respond with hearts of gratitude and blessing.

May the blessings of Peace, Grace, Hope and Joy be with us all!

Pastor Susan

Rev Susan Dheedene

Please text or email if you would like to arrange a time to meet. My usual office hours are Wed 3PM to 8PM and Thursday 10 to 2PM unless otherwise noted.



Prayers for Thanksgiving

Earth Maker and Lord of all creation, we are mindful that this food before us has already been blessed by the sun, earth and rain. We pause to be grateful for the hidden gifts of life in this food. Bless our eyes and taste so that we may eat this food in a holy and mindful manner. We lift up this bread; may it be food and symbol for all of us who shall eat it.” — Edward Hays

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency, bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.” — Samuel F. Pugh

From Our Consistory President

Philippians 4:6-7 — Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

Some recent questions have been asked lately as to if we are going to be able to play volleyball again in our social hall are, we going to be able to hold bingo's or dinners in our social hall. A COVID team has been put into place to begin this process of making sure all guidelines are followed and all necessary and correct information is conveyed to you our church members. Each Sunday as you enter our church your asked questions and your temperature is taken; we do this in an effort to keep you and everyone around you safe and healthy. We also now have added a COVID page to our website to make sure any information we pass onto you will be posted there also to keep everyone informed. So, watch in the coming weeks to see what updates we will have on the abilities of us holding events within our social hall if you have any questions or have ideas please don't ever hesitate to reach out to me.

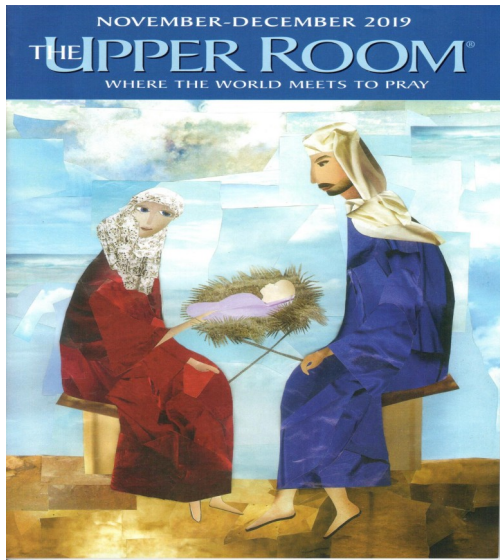
Sincerely,

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

From Your Treasurer's Desk

Headlines at St. Jacobs UCC



Available in our church office
stop on by and pick your
copy up.

Regular Office Hours:

Wednesday 4 PM till 7 PM

Thursday 10:30 AM till 3 PM



If you would like to arrange another time to meet please let me know and we will set up a mutual time and place.

Please feel free to call or text

717-377-5928

Email is susanbrace@gmail.com

We are looking for an admin assistant for our church office. If you know of anyone looking for a part time job, have them drop off their resume in the church office.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you so please stop in to chat or send me a message.



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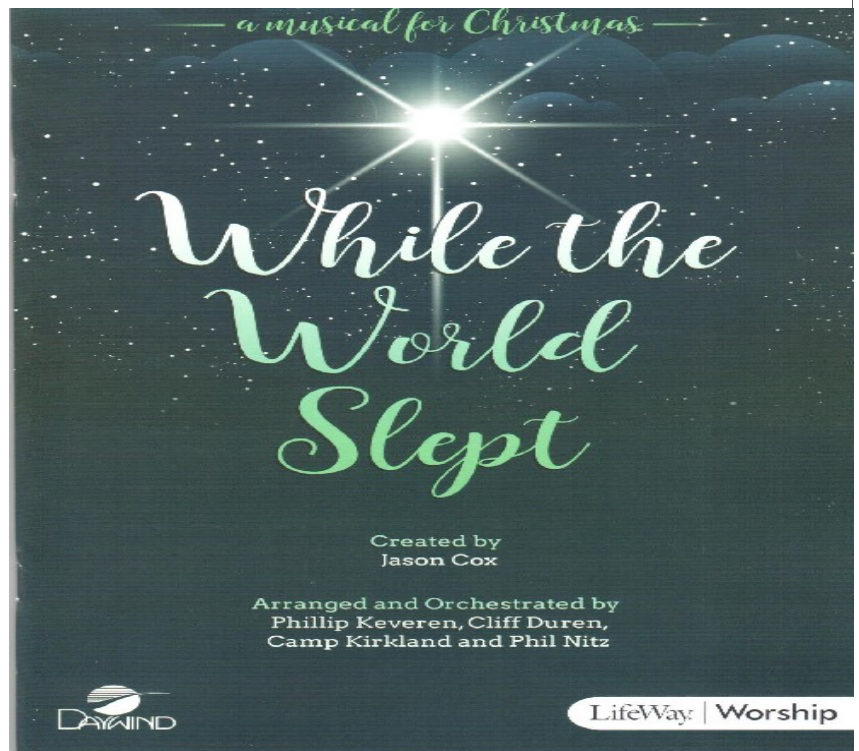


Scout Troop 97 will be participating in laying wreaths during Wreaths Across America on December 19th. If you would like to donate to the purchase of these wreaths please see Tom or Jay Kuhn. Final donations will be received by December 6th.



Santa has a secret more information to follow!!

Our Christmas Cantata is right around the corner on December 20th at 10:30 join us in person on via Facebook and listen to our fantastic choir.





P.U.S.H.

(Pray Until Something Happens)



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- Stu M.
 - Judy G.
 - Joellyn S.
 - Shelly & Joe S.
 - John H.
 - Lois B.
 - Linda C.
 - Kelly A.
 - Bud & Wendy B.
 - Holly G.
 - Larry H.
 - Richard P.
 - Danny
 - Claude R.
 - Greg S.
 - Ray R.
 - Yvonne H.
 - Rob W.
 - Nikki
 - Tim M.
 - Brenda K.
 - Charles
 - Family of Landon L.
 - Barbara
 - Stephen T.
 - Margaret W. and family
 - Aldridge W.
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Dear God, give us receptive hearts to listen to the needs of others and to hear the message you are giving us through scripture.

Amen.



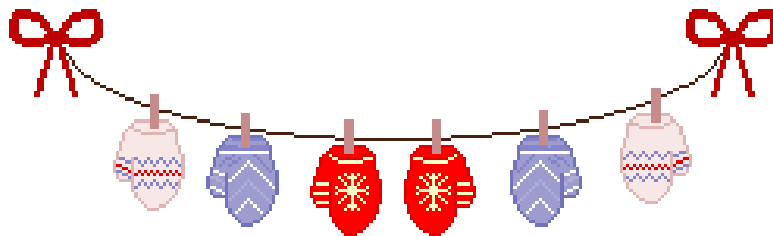
2020 ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE



November - Nancy McIntyre and Kathryn Forry

December - Cheryl Paules and Heather Kuhn

As we come to the end of 2020 if there is anyone who would like to join alter guild please don't hesitate to reach out and let Pastor Susan or Heather Kuhn know.



Mitten Tree

Our weather is changing. Leaves are falling. Winter will soon be upon us.

The Mitten Tree has been placed in the entry/ reception area just outside the sanctuary.

Mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, handmade or store bought, are being collected. Theses cold weather items will be given to the Food Pantry/Clothing Bank for distribution to those in need.



Communion dates:
November 1 All Saints
November 29 Advent
December 24 Christmas Eve

COVID-19 Information

Dear St Jacobs friends,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues it's a good time to review some of the precautions we are taking at St Jacobs UCC to keep everyone safe. The COVID-19 team has made some modifications to the worship service that you may have noticed.

Singing is risky.

You may notice that we tend to sing less. I may use one hymn and do separate verses at different times throughout worship or shorter sung responses. This is because singing pushes droplets out into the space, risking exposure. Masks help, but the less risk we can take the better. I would invite you to consider humming along while pondering the words rather than singing out boldly.

Keep the air moving! Keep the space open!

We have recommended investing in some fans to keep air moving around, along with keeping doors open all the way to the outside. I know it will be chilly! But fresh air is important.

We will limit the capacity of our sanctuary to 45 people. There will be an overflow area in the hallway outside of the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall if needed. If you are asked to sit outside of the sanctuary we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Continue to practice mask wearing, social distancing, and being outside as much as possible.

Remember, that these steps not only help to keep members of our community alive and well, they also keep our community itself alive and able to continue worshipping.

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Susan

COVID-19 Information continued

St. Jacob United Church of Christ: Covenant of Care

As an individual who attends St. Jacobs United Church of Christ, I covenant to work with my fellow church members, family and friends to keep our community safe and healthy.

I covenant to . . .

Wear a face mask as a symbol of love and care for others

Sit six feet apart from others, leaving room for God to work in the in-between spaces

Clean up after myself in the spaces I use, because like Jesus, germs are everywhere I go too!

Honor and respect the sacredness of each person in this space and to stay home if I don't feel well, knowing God is with us wherever we are, whether inside or outside the walls of the church

Work together with my church family in creating a safe and healthy space to worship as one body, united in God's love. Acknowledging the hard work ahead, and the commitment to care for one another.

Together, we as the church, covenant to care and love one another in new and different ways. Embracing God's still-speaking voice.



Worship Notes for November and December

November 22 ends our current (liturgical) church year with Christ the King Sunday followed on November 29 with first Sunday of Advent as we begin our journey to Bethlehem. So far 2020 has been a curious and highly “unprecedented” year so far and it seems as though we will be going into a “COVID” winter and will need to continue all of our precautions as they are outlined in this news letter.

We celebrated All Saint’s Sunday on November 1. I apologize to the congregation and especially the families of any of our dearly departed members for the misspelling of some of the names in the bulletin. The mistake was mine and I ask forgiveness for my negligence and any upset caused. The following names are: Terry Forry, Loretta Landis, Trevadel Landis, Corey Markle, Parthenia Mosebrook, Kathaleen Reynolds and Joellyn Shubert.

November 1, 2020 All Saints Sunday and communion

November 8, 2020 “Walking in Wisdom” Congregational pastoral vote following worship.

November 15, 2020 Covenant Service with St. Jacob’s ELC (Evangelical Lutheran Church). Services will be held at each church at the regular times with both pastor’s presiding at each service.

November 22, 2020 Pastor Susan will be on Vacation. Pastor Lisa will cover worship this day.

November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent. Communion

December:

December 6, 2020 second Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020 Saint Lucia celebration with each congregation (UCC and ELC) “The stories of Christmas”

December 20, 2020 Cantata

December 24, 2020 are we having 2 services on Christmas Eve one at 3pm and 5pm more information on this will be coming soon. In an effort to keep everyone safe, health and follow our COVID standards having two services would be best.

December 27, 2020 “Hymns and stories” Please share any special memories from Christmas at St Jacob’s with Pastor Susan.

Back Bay Mission



St. Jacobs UCC (York New Salem)
PO BOX 111
York New Salem, PA 17371

Dear St. Jacobs UCC (York New Salem),

Thank you for your generous gift to Back Bay Mission! Your gift to our **Housing Rehabilitation Program** makes it possible for homeowners to remain in their homes.

Homeowners like Zeneta and Leroy.

Zaneta and Leroy were in the process of building a new home for themselves and their five children when Leroy was laid off from his job at a casino. While they lived in a ramshackle two bedroom house nearby, they saw their own house sit unfinished. Even worse, they saw their unfinished house begin to deteriorate over three years, putting them at risk of losing what they had already invested.

Today, Back Bay Mission is partnering with Lowes, Valspar Paint, and volunteers from across the country to complete Zaneta and Leroy's house. Soon, they and their children will live in the home they began building three years ago. They know this this is happening because of you. Thank you!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Alice Graham, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Date of Gift: 10/1/2020
Amount Received: \$2,250.00

For your tax records, and in compliance with 26 US Code§170(f)(8), this letter also serves as verification that no goods or services were given in exchange for your gift.

Special Dates

November Birthdays

Nov.	10th	Shelly Shubert
	11th	Dorine Hagarman
	15th	Jay Claycomb
	17th	Scott Becker
	19th	Stella Holt
	21st	Megan Mellinger
	24th	Makayla Paules
	26th	Pat Lentz

The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer re-
buke you, but will rejoice over
you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17



November Anniversaries

Oct.	4th	Matthew & Ellen Harbold
	7th	Tom & Heather Kuhn

“A wedding anniversary is
the celebration of love, trust,
partnership, tolerance and
tenacity. The order varies for
any give year.”



Remembering Veterans Day November, 11, 2020

November 11 is Veterans Day, originally “Armistice Day.” On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month (i.e., November 11, 1918, exactly 101 years ago this Monday), the truce was declared that ended World War I, then known as “The Great War” and “the war to end all wars.”

“Armistice” is from the Latin *arma* (“arms”) and *sistere* (“stand still”). Imagine the stillness, the quiet that came from laying down weapons on both sides, after years of grueling, bloody trench warfare.

The United States Congress subsequently declared that the date “should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations.”

Sadly, it was not “the war to end all wars” - and so in 1954, the day was renamed, “Veterans Day” in order to honor veterans from all the wars since, not just World War I. But the words of Congress still resonate, as do the holiday’s origins in that great stillness.

A day of *thanksgiving*: for the service of veterans, living and dead; for the service of caregivers - doctors and nurses and chaplains and mental health professionals and spouses and family members and friends - who walk with veterans through the ravages of war, even after the bullets and bombs and missiles stop flying; and for the days of peace that come at long last.

A day of *prayer*: for people of all faiths (or no faith at all), a time of prayer, meditation, or reflection on the stillness of armistice, so that the days of peace on Earth increase, and the days of war decrease.

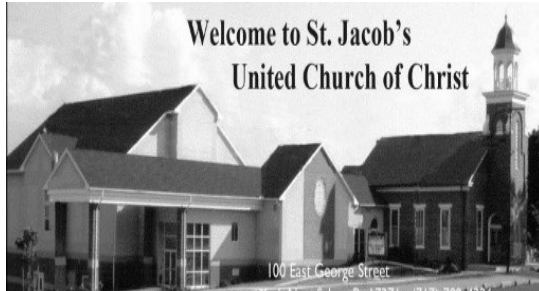
A day of *exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations*: for all of us to find ways, large and small, to build bridges across lines of difference, suspicion, or hostility, in our neighborhoods, our country, and among the nations of the world.

To lay down our arms. To step into a new stillness together. To sing with our ancestors that we, too, will lay down our swords and shields, “down by the riverside, and study war no more” - so that the next hundred-and-one years may be more peaceful than the last.

May God’s peace be with you on this Veterans Day, this Armistice Day, and may we lay down all of our arms, all of our burdens, in God’s great Shalom rising up even now, like soldiers climbing out of trenches a century ago.



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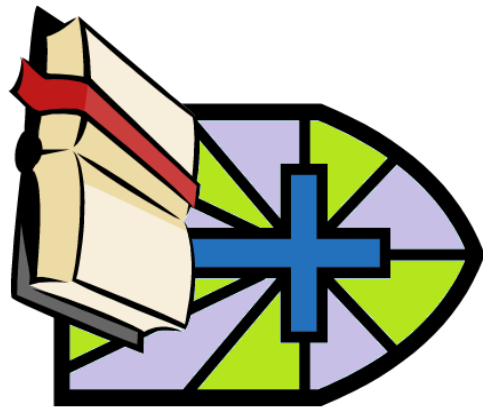
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St. Jacob's Mission Statement

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.