

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 ...*

I think (ok - I try to think) I have recovered from the mission trip. Maybe not - it's difficult to comprehend a "shape shifter". (A story for another time)

The 2nd mission trip was only achieved by God's blessing and your participation with prayer & fund raising. Mission trips are a congregational effort in outreach ministry. As Jesus said "Go into ALL the world".

The older I get, the more Jesus' wisdom is proven (to me). I vividly remember the destitute poverty of south eastern Kentucky. Was this the society I grew up in? No! God used the move to wake me up to reality. While at Duke, I served a congregation of forty. They grew tobacco to make ends meet. I learned to "pull" the leaves at harvest time.

The experience of being in different places is a true blessing. It removes the attitude that everyone needs to be like us - or do and think as we do. It also is humbling to realize just how little we know about our brothers & sisters. Or how helpful they are.

I sat on the front porch of the Micah Center about 90 minutes before it opened. It was hot/muggy & full of the homeless folk. I was the "newbie" - just got into town. When the door opened, I already knew I could get a shower, emergency housing, where "fish and loaves" was located, how to get food stamps and who to talk to about getting a job and some health benefits.

Obviously, mission work is not one-sided. God puts others out there to help us. What a blessing!

Yet, we miss it all when we stay behind self-imposed walls of so-called "safety" and security. When we only mix with our own kind. When we write off those who are different.

Jesus told us - "Go into ALL the world". When we do we might discover that we are "the least of these". That's my lesson from sitting on the steps at the Micah Center. Thanks be to God.

Shalom,

*Pastor Rick*

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## *From the Desk of Consistory President*

*Luke 10:2*

*And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

Fall is here and this is one of my favorite times of the year. Our month of October is an extremely busy month, there are so many exciting events happening.

We start off with our movie night: "I Can Only Imagine" will be showing and what a wonderful movie it is. Then we have our Victorian Dance, what a wonderful way to learn about our history and how our ancestors took time to find enjoyment when so many days were full of darkness. The next day brings our pumpkin/apple social—this is always a wonderful evening of great desserts and fellowship.

Then we move onto fall clean up on the second Saturday. We welcome all that morning to help put an extra shine on our church. We also have a fantastic soup sale in process and pick up on that same day, so don't miss out on ordering.

Our Pot Pie dinner is the following week, tickets are on sale now. The meal is always fantastic and fellowship with everyone is always great.

Rounding out the month our ELC will be having a Trunk or Treat here in our parking lot. Everyone is welcome to join us by decorating their trunk and giving our kiddos a safe area to trick or treat.

Our October is packed full with events for everyone young and old we welcome everyone to join us and enjoy.

Sincerely,

*Heather Kuhn*

Consistory President



*A Letter From Our Friends at Back Bay*

9/17/18

Dear friends.....

Your recent work camp time spent at the Back Bay Mission was a blessed event for many! Undoubtedly, there was a good impact on both our client's lives as well as yours. We trust whenever you reflect on that time, it will summon a smile. It surely does for those you helped. Your selfless acts of kindness and service restore a comfort and are a breath of hope for many in need on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Every one of us at Back Bay Mission extends our deepest gratitude for your support of our mission. Regardless of which program you chose to give your time and service to, you aligned with and helped support our vision "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

We look forward to the day you can join us again and continue the giving. May God bless you in your journey of faith!

Gratefully,

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again. J

CRAIG STEENKAM

## Back Bay Trip Report

On September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> our church sent a 14 person team (12 members and 2 friends of the congregation) to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS.

All costs were covered by fundraisers or by donations. Also, while at Back Bay the members of the team donated \$1,753 to help restock the food pantry and buy gift cards for the Micah Center, Loaves & Fishes, and for the mission itself.

Members of the team participated in two building projects. The first was cleaning and repainting an apartment for a homeless veteran. This project was coordinated with the local VA office and HUD. We spent three days on the project and it was ready for inspection by the end of the week, with a new resident scheduled to move in the week after we left. The second project was renovations on a house the mission obtained via a foreclosure. The house was being prepared for sale as an affordable house – in the \$90 to \$95K range. Applicants for the this type house with Back Bay go through training to learn about bill paying and budgeting before they are eligible to apply to purchase the house. In the last few years Back Bay has done this with 12 other properties and to date has had no instances where the new owner was not able to stay in their new home.

Members of the team also helped at three locations aiding homeless residents in the Biloxi area:

Micah House: a day enter where homeless residents can have laundry done, and get a shower. They can also use the Micah House as a place for mail to be delivered and a place to receive phone calls.

Food Pantry: a source for food once a month for homeless individuals and families.

Loaves & Fishes: a location where homeless residents can get breakfast or lunch, and which provides meals for Meals on Wheels, four days a week.

Members of the team worked a combined 394 hours during the week to help with all of the projects important activities.

The team was also invited to the fourth graduation class for Bridges out of Poverty. Up to 12 participants (called ‘investigators’, because they’re investigating how to improve their ability to be self-sustaining) go through a 16 week course where they learn about poverty, set personal goals, and begin researching how they can begin their journeys out of poverty. Over the next two years, they’ll also work with a mentor from the community. This mentor won’t do things for them, but when an investigator hits a bump in the road, she’ll have someone who can guide her. ON our first trip to Back Bay two years ago they were in the final planning stages of getting the program up and running – so it was an honor for us to be invited to attend this ceremony.

We’d like to thank everyone for your support in sending us on the trip to Back Bay Mission.

St. Jacob’s UCC Back Bay Mission Team 2018

St. Jacob's UCC



Early Learning Center

The crisp air, apple picking, pumpkin carving, a gorgeous canopy of fall foliage, and the crunch of leaves underfoot...all the wonderful things of fall are right around the corner!! And the Early Learning Center is in full swing!

We have many fun events and fundraisers coming soon! First, our Pumpkin Roll Fundraiser will start on October 19th and all orders and monies are due by November 2nd. The pumpkin rolls are being made home-made from scratch by Mrs. Dorine & Ms. Cassandra! We are looking for volunteers who would like to help assemble the pumpkin rolls on November 10th. If you are interested in helping, please see Dorine.

On October 26th from 6pm-8pm, grab the kids and/or grandkids and make sure you stop by the church for the Center's annual Trunk or Treat! Not only will there be trick or treating to do but we will also have some free games the children can play! For a small cost, we will also have a Cake/Cupcake Walk, Dime Throwing Game, and food available to purchase. If you are interested in participating in the Trunk or Treat, there are many ways you can such as:

- Decorating a trunk and handing out candy
- Donating Candy (It must be individually wrapped) - We do have children that are allergic to peanuts so any candy that is donated peanut/nut free is greatly appreciated.
- Donating glassware for the Dime Throwing Game
- Donating cakes and/or cupcakes for the Calk Walk

If you would be interested in doing any of the above, please contact Katie at (717)792-4322 or by e-mail at [KHagarman@stjacobselc.org](mailto:KHagarman@stjacobselc.org)

Lastly, December 1st is a church and center joint event that you are NOT going to want to miss! The Church will be having their annual "Breakfast with Santa" and during breakfast the children of the ELC will be performing a Christmas Program. After you enjoy the breakfast and music, stop by the Scholastic Book Fair for some potentially great Christmas presents for the kids and the children can shop at Santa's Workshop for gifts to mom, dad, sister, brother, grandparents, etc.

We hope you can join us for these events!

Sincerely,

St. Jacob's UCC Early Learning Center



Lift up  
your  
Hearts  
in  
Praise!



"An Evening of  
Music & Praise"

Presented by SweetLife

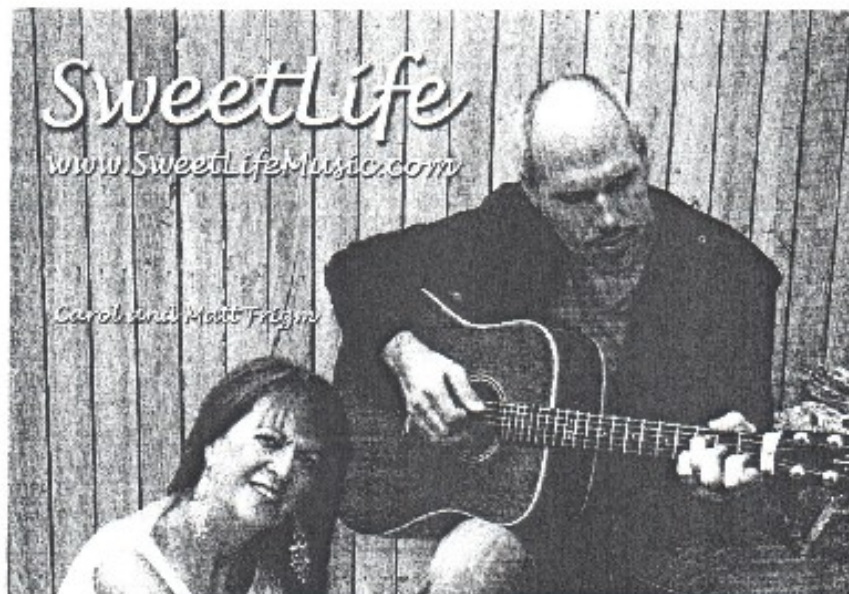
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@ 6:30 PM

Trinity Roth's UCC

6417 Church Rd.

Spring Grove, PA 17362



Music for everyone! Contemporary, Inspirational and Traditional



**Covenant Celebration Workshop - October 14th**

Our annual celebration of the Covenant of Cooperative Ministry we have with St. Jacob's Lutheran will be Sunday, October 14th at 10am. Pastor Lisa will be preaching. Please join us as we celebrate the many ways our congregations work together as we serve God and his people in York New Salem.

**Pot Pie Dinner—Saturday, October 20th**

The Pot Pie Dinner is fast approaching on Saturday, October 20th. The serving time will be from 4-6 p.m. and the ticket prices are as follows: Adults in advance—\$12.00 and at the door—\$14.00, Children 6-12 in advance—\$6.00 and at the door—\$7.00, and children 5 and under FREE! The meal includes all you can eat baked and boiled pot pie, roll, apple sauce, coleslaw, and your choice of dessert. Tickets are now on sale.

**Apple/Pumpkin Social— Sunday October 21st**

The Apple/Pumpkin Social is on October 21st at 6:30 p.m. We are going to have a fun evening of fellowship. So bring an apple or pumpkin dish and/or yourself for a fun filled evening! We will be setting off Chinese Lanterns on this night as well as an early All Saints Day event in remembrance of those we love who have passed. We will be selling the lanterns after church up until the weekend of the event and you will receive your lantern on the night of the event. Lanterns will be \$5 each and are Eco Friendly. Come help us light up the sky!

**Sub and Pretzel Sandwich Sale**

We will be holding a sub and sandwich sale to benefit the Building Fund. The subs will be \$5.50 and the pretzel sandwiches will cost \$5. Order forms are due October 14th and pick up will be from 4-6 on October 24th. Return your order forms to Kim and Ashley Criswell.

**Victorian Ball**

Have you ever wondered what it was like to dance in the 1860's during the Civil War era? Now here is your chance! On Saturday evening October 6th we will be having a Victorian Ball. The Victorian Dance Ensemble will be here to teach us the dances. There will be a dinner before the Ball consisting of chicken, mashed potatoes and corn. Dinner will be from 5-6 and the Ball will start about 6-7pm. Tickets will be \$10 for the Ball, \$20 for the dinner and the Ball. So come out and most of all - Have Fun!

**Movie Night—Friday, October 5th**

On Friday, October 5th we will be holding our Movie Night featuring I Can Only Imagine. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7:00 p.m. This is open to everybody but parental discretion is advised. Refreshments that are being served are hot dogs, popcorn, snacks, and drinks. Movie is rated PG.

**Soup Sale**

St. Jacob's UCC will be having a soup sale to raise money for our Building Fund. Order forms are available outside of the office. Please have your orders in to Doris Goodling by September 30th. Pick up will be on October 13th between 10am and noon. The price will be \$6.00 per quart. Containers are provided.

**Cards for the Troops Collection (Lutheran)**

As you know, our Secretary's daughter, Elizabeth Arbogast, is again collecting Signed and Unsigned cards for our Veterans and active duty troops. She will collect cards and envelopes for Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring any and all cards for donation to the Church from now till October 15th. She would like to ship a box to Kuwait and Deliver a box to VA Hospitals for Veteran's Day. If you have questions you can contact Amanda Arbogast @ (717)792-9531

**Newsletter articles for October due by Oct. 22nd.**

## Special Dates

### October Birthdays

October 4th	Ted Forry Tyke Shubert
October 6th	Ashley Chriswell
October 10th	Scott Meyer
October 12th	Nancy McIntyre
October 16th	Kelly Amspacher
October 21st	Nancy Heist
October 28th	Hunter Markle
October 29th	Samantha Barley Stacy Wagaman
October 31st	Kennedy Janssen



### October Anniversaries

October 7th	Glenn & Holly Geiple
October 11th	Steve & MJ Forry
October 15th	Larry & LouAnn Hoffman
October 18th	Mahlon & Lorrie Bechtel
October 18th	Lynn & Gloria Markle

## P.U.S.H

### (Pray Until Something Happens)

- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Claude R. & Family
- Cindy S.
- Mary Day
- Lucienne
- Lydia K.
- Mary Danner Family
- Steve M.
- Dottie
- Greg S.
- Lynda C.
- Bob
- Dr. Rampage
- Kay
- Mary Day
- Dave W.
- Kathleen R.
- Bernhard Family
- Stu Markel
- Judge G
- Ann Mesersmith







## 2018 Altar Guild Schedule

**October – Kimberly Starner & Heather Kuhn— Communion on the 7th**

**November – Lynn & Scott Becker**

**December – Tom & Heather Kuhn— Communion on 2nd & 24th**

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# ALTAR GUILD

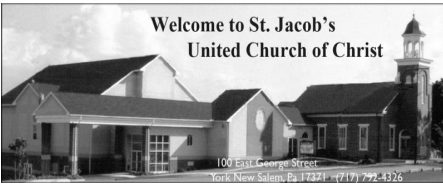


# October 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Choir Practice 7pm	4	5 Movie Night-I Can Only Imagine	6 Victorian Ball Food Pantry
7 World Wide Communion	8	9	10 Choir Practice 7pm	11	12 Prep for Soup Sale	13 Fall Work Day Soup Sale
14 Joint Service at St. Jacob's UCC	15 Consistory Meeting	16 Boy Scouts Meeting	17 Choir Practice 7pm	18	19 Pot Pie Dinner Prep	20 Pot Pie Dinner
21 Laity Sunday Pumpkin/Apple Social	22 Boy Scouts Meeting News letter Article Due	23 Boy Scouts Meeting	24 Choir Practice 7pm  Sandwich Handout	25	26 Trunk or Treat	27
28 Reformation Sunday	29 Boy Scouts Meeting	30 Boy Scouts Meeting	31			

## Schedule of Events

- October 5th - Movie Night: I Can Only Imagine (7pm)
- October 6th - Victorian Ball (5-8pm)
- October 7th - World Wide Communion
- October 12th - Prep for Soup Sale
- October 13th - Fall Work Day & Soup Sale
- October 15th - Consistory Meeting
- October 16th - Boy Scouts Meeting
- October 19th - Pot Pie Dinner Prep
- October 20th - Pot Pie Dinner
- October 21st - Pumpkin/Apple Social
- October 22nd - Boy Scouts Meeting  
News Letter Articles Due
- October 23rd - Boy Scouts Meeting
- October 24th - Sandwich Handout (4-6)
- October 26th - Trunk Or Treat (ELC)
- October 29th - Boy Scouts Meeting
- October 30th - Boy Scouts Meeting



*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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