

# October Newsletter



## St. Jacob's UCC

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Worship: Sunday's at 10:30 am

LIVE on Facebook / YouTube

## Thoughts from Pastor Susan

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Dear Friends of St. Jacob's UCC,

Autumn has wrapped her brilliant display of God's glory all over our community and we are beckoned to pay attention and rejoice!

As I drive through downtown York on my way to St. Jacob's, I begin to feel an actual lift to my spirit as I venture out of the city and into this beautiful & colorful country. I love this time of year and welcome the cooler, breezier, and bluer days which seem to invite me into moments of reflection and a deeper spirit of gratefulness and generosity.

I also see signs of this gracious Spirit surrounding and holding the St. Jacob's family. I see people sharing their stories with one another lifting the spirits of all and strengthening one another. I see the body of Christ responding to the needs of the world through the food and clothing bank, the ELC and other ministries, I see a congregation that is willing to step up and actually do the necessary and sometimes painful work of "Being Church"

As you know the final vote to continue our relationship together will be on Sunday, November 8. Tis the season for elections!

I want to share some thoughts with you at this point of our journey together.

I am deeply honored and grateful for the opportunity and for the hospitality you have extended to me these past several weeks. I have enjoyed and, hopefully will continue to enjoy getting to know each one of you

I do feel a call to serve St Jacob's as a called half time pastor and trust we can and will work well together through these challenging days.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to rage with predictions by the NIH and CDC We have developed a COVID-19 task force to keep up with scientific recommendations from the CDC and our denomination. The members of this team are: Lynn Becker, Hilary Barley, Heather Kuhn and myself. We have currently set the point of no more than 45 people in the sanctuary at one time. As our numbers in worship have increased we will begin to use our overflow area just outside of the sanctuary or in the social hall. If you are asked to sit in the overflow area please know that you are very much a part of the congregation and we thank you for bearing with us through this COVID-19 time. We would also like to start sending bulletins out to those who watch virtually (Big Thanks to Meghan Kuhn, Lynn and Scott Becker and all who are helping with this process.)



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## Continued thoughts from Pastor Susan

Into the future: Pastor Lisa (From St Jacob's Lutheran Church,) and I met and decided that our annual recognition of the covenant of care between our churches will be November 16, 2020. Rather than trying to accommodate everyone, pastor Lisa and I will be at both services that day leading worship together at the Lutheran church at 9AM and then St. Jacobs.

We are also planning a "Longest Night and St. Lucia celebration together. If there are any sewers out there please send me an email. We will need several simple white robes (kid size to teenagers). Also hikers to gather the various greens that we'll need on that night. Mark you calendar for both of these days and come to worship! Learn the story of Santa Lucia (one of the early Christian martyrs) and the meanings of the different greens we bring into our homes in this early winter season.

Peace and grace,

Your Sister in Christ,

Pastor Susan.

## 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*

The following are summaries of financial information as of August 31, 2020. Weekly church receipt and detailed disbursement information is posted by our administrative office. Let Eric Barley (717) 792-2402 or a Consistory Member know of any questions. Thank you.

### ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AUGUST 31, 2020

	GENERAL ACCOUNT	BUILDING ACCOUNT	BENEVOLENCE ACCOUNT
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CHECKING ACCT. BALANCE JULY 31, 2020	\$15,993.76	\$6,848.29	\$4,148.37
RECEIPTS:			
OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS	7,002.00	4,801.00	775.00
EARLY LEARNING CENTER			
SHARED EXPENSES	3,000.00	-----	-----
DISBURSEMENTS:			
PAYMENTS AND SAVINGS TRANSFERS	(17,872.64)	(6,839.08)	(2,241.00)
CHECKING ACCT. BALANCE AUGUST 31, 2020	\$8,123.12	\$4,810.21	\$2,682.37
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCES:	\$13,406.75	\$111,827.26	\$3,000.00
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BILLS TO PAY / OFFERINGS TO FORWARD	\$3,406.75	\$0.00	\$901.91
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### ST. JACOB'S UCC EARLY LEARNING CENTER SCHEDULE OF NET RESOURCES AVAILABLE AUGUST 31, 2020

Cash on hand as reconciled	AUGUST 31, 2020	\$60,747.42
Credit card charges 08/05/2020-08/30/2020		(\$3,079.84)
Perrydell Farm - July, 2020 and August, 2020		(568.80)
Set aside for play area renovation		(37,500.00)
Staff education support for on-line class tuition through Penn Foster - 4 courses @ \$389.00 each		(1,556.00)
Memorial donations received to date		(2,310.00)
Lutheran Church facility use 10/15/2019		(150.00)
Workers' compensation premium 12/20/19 - 12/20/20, paid in advance: \$5,202.00 x 7/24		1,517.25
Child Care Consultants tuition support July, 2020 - estimate		500.00
Child Care Consultants tuition support August, 2020 - estimate		500.00
Staff tuition withholding check to be deposited		407.44
Paid Time Off earned but not yet used as of 08/23/2020 Amount includes gross wage + Employer payroll taxes + approximate workers' compensation cost		(7,772.92)
Additional net amounts to be disbursed		(\$50,012.87)
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ELC net resources available 08/31/2020		\$10,734.55
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## *Headlines at St. Jacobs UCC*

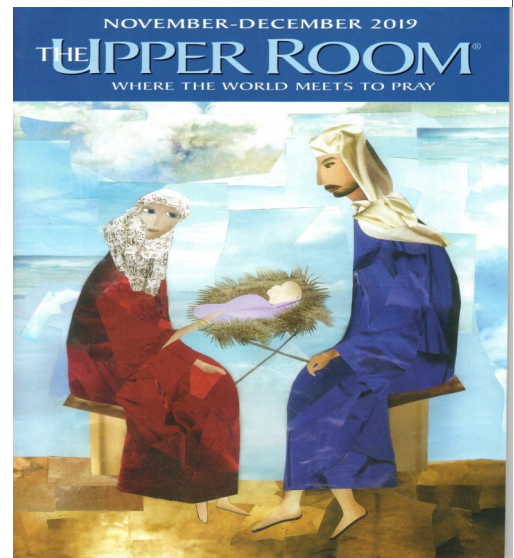


We will be holding a congregational meeting after our church service on Sunday, November 8, 2020 for a ballot vote to accept Pastor Susan Dheedene to the call of our Settled Half-Time Pastor. We have been in a unique situation to get to know Pastor Susan as she is currently serving a 13 week term as our Designated Half-Time Pastor. Please make sure you have taken a few moments to introduce yourself or to call and chat with Pastor Susan. Pastor Susan has a solid pastoral background with various styles of gathered worship and is open to your ideas and comments. She has a great love and commitment to



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.

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





## Headlines at St. Jacobs UCC



Regular Office Hours:

Wednesday 4 PM till 8 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](mailto:susanbrace@gmail.com)

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


**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.**

— a musical for Christmas —

# While the World Slept

Created by  
Jason Cox

Arranged and Orchestrated by  
Phillip Keveren, Cliff Duren,  
Camp Kirkland and Phil Nitz

 LifeWay | Worship



# P.U.S.H.

(Pray Until Something Happens)



- 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.

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.



October has also been Breast Cancer Awareness month we all know someone who has fought this battle or is still fighting this battle please take a moment to add them to your thoughts and prayers.



## 2020 ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

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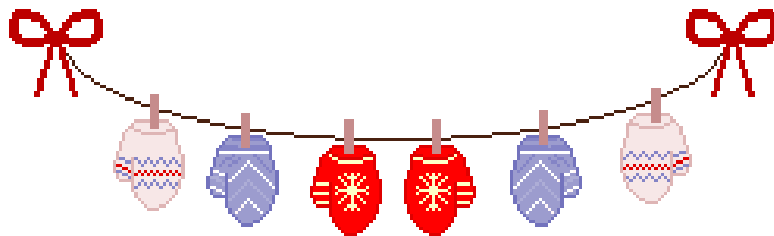
October - Heather Kuhn

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.

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### 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

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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

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### 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.



## Special Dates

### October Birthdays

Oct.	6th	Ashley Criswell
	10th	Scott Meyer
	12th	Nancy McIntyre
	15th	Reagan Mellinger
	16th	Kelly Amspacher
	21st	Nancy Heist
	26th	Mia Johnson
	27th	Evangeline Hamilton
	28th	Hunter Markle
	29th	Samantha Templin
		Stacy Wagaman

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



### October Anniversaries

Oct.	5th	Robert & Samantha Templin
	7th	Glenn & Holly Geiple
	11th	Steve & MJ Forry
	15th	Larry & LouAnn Hoffman
	18th	Mahlon & Lorrie Bechtel
		Lynn & Gloria Markle

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



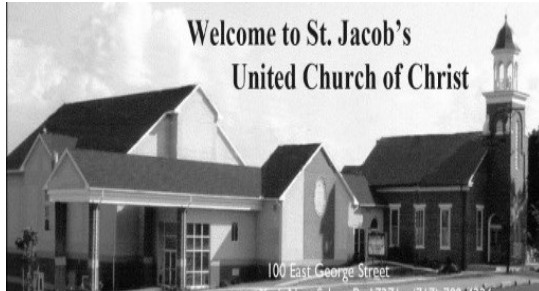
## Thoughts and Thanks

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- From the immediate and extended family - Thank you for the prayers given and cards received during the passing, but continuing celebration of Barbara Barley. The support from the St. Jacob's UCC family is very much appreciated.
  - Rev. Dick Barley

## ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



### *Everyone is Welcome!*

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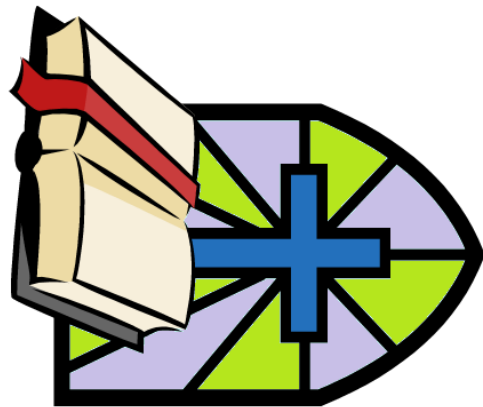
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Pastor's E-mail:

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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.