

St. Jacob's UCC
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the Journey



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Sunday School 9:15AM — Coffee/Tea Time 10:00 to 10:20AM — Worship Service 10:30AM

From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Greetings to all,

The other night Cindy & I watched the 3rd part of “The Hobbit”. I enjoyed Howard Shore’s music, so I kept listening as the end credits rolled by.

That’s when it hit me—to make their movie thousands of people had to work together in a goal-oriented coordinated effort. There were stunt people, cattle drivers, builders, set makers, bakers, electricians, special effects people, copiers, sound techs, medical personal, helicopter pilots, - and the list went on for 5 minutes.—The names and titles ran by too fast to read. Nevertheless, the goal was reached—the movie made. It was accomplished by thousands of people working co-operatively towards the same goal.

Did they learn that from us? I wonder. How many of you contribute to ensure things get done? You simply show up, do their part and somehow vanish. We have sign-up sheets for help at different events. And we all know that people who forget(?) to sign their name, will be available and will help out.

This is how the church—St. Jacob’s U.C.C. gets things done. People with special skills use them for the benefit of all. Think of the kitchen crew at bingo. Or, why don’t we worry about the grass getting cut or the flowers attended to? On Sunday morning, there is always an acolyte—some way, some how.

However, there is a some major difference between the movie business and the Church. We are not in it for profit, but to glorify God by helping others. Movie workers have a short term goal—finish the movie. For us, the goal is set in God’s future for us—and has been for millions of years.

So our journey goes on—our needing everyone willing to help—one recognizing I am to help my neighbor and I must depend upon God to show me the path to take. And that we do things together as God’s family.

May our journey continue!

Shalom,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President

The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Psalm 85:12

October is here, one of my favorite months and our Church has so many wonderful events coming up I hope you are able to take the time and come and join me at any one of those events or even all of them. Here is some of our events to look forward to:

- Our competition with our sister church is in full swing as you have seen in our lobby the collection of cans has only just begun. For every non-perishable item or \$1 donated, we receive a point. So take a moment and scour those grocery store aisles to find those fantastic sales share your knowledge with the rest of us.
- Monday evenings we have Bible Study led by Pastor Rick at 6:30 in the conference room. Everyone and anyone who would like to join us for this great time of fellowship is invited!
- Our Pot Pie dinner is on October 14th from 4 till 6pm; don't miss having a wonderful meal! Tickets are on sale now and walk-ins are always welcome.
- We have a joint service with the Saint Jacobs Lutheran Church on October 15th. I am looking forward to hearing the message our pastors will bring to us that Sunday.
- The family movie night will bring Disney's newest princess for our viewing pleasure "Moana" on October 20th door's open at 6pm bring your comfy chairs and enjoy a snack or two.
- The fall clean-up day will be on October 21st from 8am till?? A lift has been reserved for that morning to make a few repairs and cleaning a bit easier. The more we have to help the faster it will go.
- Then on Sunday October 22nd is our yummy Apple/Pumpkin Social at 6:30pm come and join us for some yummy treats or bring one to share.
- The congregation has done a fantastic job of stepping up and helping our neighbors in need with Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Jose having done a huge amount of damage to homes, towns and so many things. The donations will help those in need to be able to rebuild their lives.
- Our website is in the process of being updated and revamped. John is working with Katie and Ashley working together on putting together a site that will have more information for those looking to our site.

Remember all of our events are open please invite family and friends to join us so that we can share with them.



Ladies remember October is also Breast Cancer Awareness month take a moment to complete your Breast exam or schedule an appointment your life is valuable.

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

October 17, 2017 Consistory Meeting Minutes

- Mortgage Extension Paperwork: From time to time the interest rate on our church's mortgage is subject to change. Our mortgage's current fixed rate of 5% is due to expire this coming January. Since our fixed rate was last established three years ago, the prime interest rate has increased .75% with additional increases expected. Peoples Bank has agreed to fix our mortgage rate at 5.15% for the next five years, until September, 2022. Consistory agreed that the modest rate increase was a good offer from the Bank and authorized paper work to be executed. As of August 15, 2017, there were 192 monthly payments (16 years) remaining on our mortgage. We intend to continue monthly payments so as to remain on that repayment schedule. Of course any additional principal payments will shorten our repayment period.
- Carpet: Velinda is speaking with different carpet companies to get quotes on having the carpet upstairs replaced.
- Search Committee (Kathryn): The PCC Conference is very happy with the work the Search Committee has done thus far. Also, the President of the PCC Conference, Monica, will be coming to St. Jacob's on December 10th and will lead the service. Pastor Rick will be staying with us until a new pastor is on board.
- Financial: When we compare year-to-date information through August, 2017 with the same eight months during 2016, we see a negative change in our finances of (\$8,837). Our Congregation's actual offerings and receipts have declined 6.2% while our budgeted expenses have increased 1.6%
- Bible Study: The Monday morning Bible Study has been canceled, however, the Monday evenings Bible Study is in full swing and all are invited.

Consistory Members: President, Heather Kuhn; Vice President, Kathryn Forry; Treasurer, Eric Barley; Velinda Johnson; Steve Reynolds; Kim Criswell; Lloyd Bubb

September Budget Information

September 2017 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

The chart on the right shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the eight months of 2017.

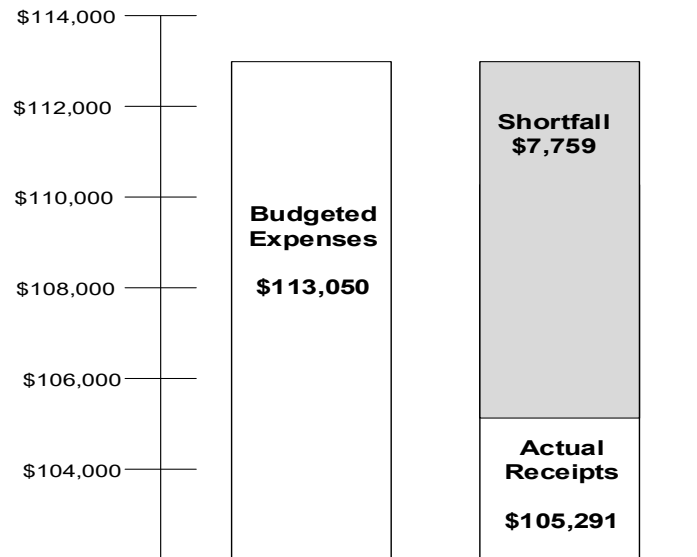
The numbers through the end of August showed a combined shortfall in the General and Building Funds of \$7,759 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings. Unfortunately we have now had a shortfall for each of the last four months between our actual giving and our budgeted expenses. (As a comparison – our overall giving is down just over \$7,000 for the same period (January through August) from last year). So again a reminder that if you've taken vacation this summer and missed one or more Sundays – please make sure to put your offering in for those Sunday(s) when you return.

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

Even with the shortfall we did not have to take anything from our building savings account to meet expenses.

Budget Numbers through August 2017

Covers 35 Sundays
Combined General and Building Funds



Search Committee Update



PASTORAL
SEARCH
COMMITTEE

job well done with congregational support! She provided to us some handouts and tips that will be helpful in our next steps of reviewing ministerial profiles and conducting interviews. Please continue to keep the search committee and the entire search process in your prayers. **Please note:** Pastor Rick & Cindy will be staying with St. Jacob's UCC until we have a settled pastor on board.

Our church profile was posted to the UCC website on August 31, and although we have not received any ministerial profiles yet, two inquiries were made on our profile. The search committee met on September 14th with Betsy Bruaw, the Search & Call Associate of the Penn Central Conference and she expressed great enthusiasm about the items we incorporated into our profile, especially the butterfly and the link to the video we made. A

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JEREMIAH 3:15
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Welcome!



Welcome precious

Brentley

So divine from God above
Baptized today in Jesus' name
Held in His arms of love

May angels guide your tiny feet
And bring you smiles to wear
And may our Heavenly Father
Always keep you in His care!

Welcome! Brentley Lloyd Hamilton
(Parents Merissa and Corey Hamilton. He
was baptized Sunday, September 17.

Stewardship

If you would like to participate as part of our Stewardship Committee please do not hesitate to let Heather Kuhn, or any other Consistory member, or Pastor Rick know. The Committee meets from time to time, will assist in preparing our church's 2018 budget, is always interested in investigating possible cost efficiencies, and discusses ways to plan for our Congregation's financial future.



Fall Worship Message Subjects



October	1	Communion—Different Religions—World Day of Prayer
	8	Pulpit Swap
	15	Joint Service with Lutheran's at Lutheran Church at 10AM
	22	Why we worship the way we do
	29	Reformation—Why are we not like our Pilgrim forefathers
November	1	Worship Committee Meeting—6:30pm
	5	All Saints—Pastoral Update
	12	Veterans' Day—Jay Kuhn
	19	Count Your blessings—Thanksgiving Week

Harvest Home Challenge—FOOD FIGHT!

St. Jacob's Lutheran church have challenged us to a Food Fight through the end of October. They want to see who can collect the most non-perishable foods for Harvest Home. We will be collecting canned food, dry goods, as well as monetary donations. For each item given, and each dollar donated, we will receive a point - the church with the most points will win the challenge. The real winner will be St. Jacob's Food Pantry. So as you are out shopping for groceries please pick up some extra food items to donate. Please no soup this time.

Join the Food Fight....



To help our community!

Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

Soup Sale—Now until October 7th

Weather is tricking us right now but before you know the temperatures will start dropping and you will need something to warm you up! We have the answer for you, our delicious, homemade Chicken Corn Soup and our Ham & Bean Soup! So order yours today! It is just \$6 per quart! Not only do you get delicious soup but it also benefits the St. Jacob's UCC Building Fund. The Soup will be available for pick-up on October 21st from 10:00am-Noon!

Pot Pie Dinner—Saturday, October 14th

Save the Date! The Pot Pie Dinner is fast approaching on Saturday, **October 14th**. The serving time will be from 4-6 p.m. and the tickets prices are as followed 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.

Cemetery Fall Clean-Up—Saturday, October 7

We will be doing the annual fall cemetery, therefore, please have everything you want to keep off by October 7th.

Family Movie Night—Friday, October 20th

Save the date! On Friday, October 20th we will be holding our Family Movie Night featuring "Moana". Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will start at 6:30 p.m. This is open to kids and adults of all ages. Refreshments that are being served are hot dogs, popcorn, snacks, and drinks.



Apple/Pumpkin Social— Sunday October 22nd

The Apple/Pumpkin Social is on October 22nd 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!

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Fall Work Day—Saturday, October 21

Our Fall Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 from 8am-??? Many hands make for a short day!



Basket Bingo— Saturday, November 18th

Join us Saturday, November 18th for our Basket Bingo that will benefit the Building Fund! Doors open at 4:30 pm and bingo starts at 6:00 pm. Tickets in advance are \$22 or \$25 at the door. Ticket price includes a meal consisting of baked pot pie, sandwiches, salads, dessert, snacks and a beverage, a chance at door prices, and 20 games of bingo. Also, if you bring a nonperishable food item, you will receive a raffle ticket for each item you bring for a chance to win a basket. Reserve your tickets today!!



Newsletter articles for November due no later than October 20th.

Celebrate the Holidays with St. Jacob's



St. Jacob's UCC Presents

BREAKFAST with Santa

December 2, 2017
8:30-11:00am
Breakfast Includes:
Pancakes & Sausage

prices:
adults: \$5.00
children 4-12: \$3.00
children under 4: free

St. Jacob's UCC Early Learning Center will be sponsoring a Santa's Workshop & Scholastic Book-Fair. The Early Learning Center will also have a holiday concert with the children of the Center during breakfast as well.

Breakfast with Santa and SO MUCH more!

The Church & the Early Learning Center have teamed up to host a wonderful set of events on December 2nd and you don't want to miss them!!

First, St. Jacob's UCC will be having their annual "Breakfast with Santa! It's from 8:30-11:00am. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, and a special visit from Santa!! Tickets prices are: Adults—\$5.00, Children 4-12—\$3.00 and children under 4 are FREE! During breakfast the children from our Early Learning Center will have a holiday concert as well!

After you enjoy your breakfast, visit with Santa, and hear Christmas jingles, the kids can visit Santa's workshop where they can purchase small gifts for their parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. While the children are in the workshop, parents can shop at our scholastic book fair....maybe Christmas presents for the kids?

So mark your calendars and bring the whole family to St. Jacob's! It's sure to be a fun filled morning for everyone!



Join us this year as we have our first ever Gingerbread House Competition. We will have an adult division and a children division. Entries must be delivered to the church on Friday, December 1st and will remain on display from December 2nd-24th. For additional rules, entry form, and/or questions please contact Ashley Criswell.

Church Christmas Dinner

Later that evening, join us back at the church for our annual Christmas Dinner starting at 6:00pm. Elva Hurst will be joining us with her "Chalk Talk". Prices are \$13.00 for adults, \$6.50 for children 4-10, and children under 3 are free!

Tickets are on sale now! They will be available after church and by calling the church office at (717) 792-4326. We hope to see you there!!



Special Dates

October Birthdays

October 04	Ted Forry
October 04	Tyke Shubert
October 06	Ashley Criswell
October 10	Scott Meyer
October 12	Nancy McIntyre
October 16	Kelly Amspacher
October 21	Nancy Heist
October 28	Hunter Markle
October 29	Samantha Barley
October 29	Stacy Wagaman
October 31	Kennedy Janssen



October Anniversaries

October 07	Glenn & Holly Geiple
October 11	Steve & MJ Forry
October 15	Larry & LouAnn Hoffman
October 18	Mahlon & Lorrie Bechtel
October 18	Lynn & Gloria Markle



P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- Robert D.
- Brandon G.
- Judy G.
- Anna G.
- Justin H.
- Dottie H.
- Barry
- Barb H.
- John H.
- Barb H.
- Dean K.
- Logan K.
- Vicki K.
- Steve M.
- Pat P.
- Richard P.
- Richard P., Jr.
- Claude R. & Family
- Terri R.
- Linda C.
- Evelyn
- Jason S.
- Sharon S.
- Cindy S.
- Carl H.
- Loretta L.
- Dottie H.
- Justin H.
- Judy G.
- The Kuhn Family
- Pat P.
- Anne H.



2017 Altar Guild

October—Loretta Hale & Heather Kuhn—Communion 1st

November—Lynn & Scott Becker—Communion 26th

December—Tom & Heather Kuhn—Communion 24th



Head Ushers



October—Steven Reynolds

November—Kim Criswell

December—Heather Kuhn



St. Jacob's UCC Early Learning Center

You wouldn't be able to tell that Autumn is right around the corner with how hot it has been but it is and there are so many things happening at the Early Learning Center!

October is going to be a BUSY month for the Early Learning Center! We will have our first ever **Pumpkin Roll Fundraiser** starting on October 22nd and of course we are going to have samples for you try prior to purchasing your pumpkin rolls (see next page for more info.). We are also starting our "Pampered Chef" raffles in October. We will have 5 different raffles and each will last 2 weeks. These items would make great Christmas presents....even if it's a Christmas present to yourself!

We are also having our **Annual Trunk or Treat on October 27th starting at 6pm.** This year, along with trunks full of candy and hot dog meals available for purchase, new this year we will also be doing a 'Cake Walk' which only costs a \$1 per entry and we will have bounce houses for the kids to play in as well! **We would love the church congregation to join us for this fun event!** Are you interested in helping? There are many ways you can help; you can decorate your car trunk and pass out candy to the children, donate candy to the center, or donate cakes/cupcakes for the cake walk. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let Michele Harper know.

Lastly, for Halloween our classrooms will have Halloween door decoration contest and **we would like the church congregation to be the judges!** On October 22nd, either before or after Sunday Service, we invite you to come downstairs to see the doors and cast your vote for the best decorated door!

We hope you have a spooktacular October and hope to see you at the Trunk-or-Treat!

St. Jacob's UCC Early Learning Center



Early Learning Center Board Members: Michele Harper, President; Deb Stough, Vice President; Eric Barley, Treasurer; Dorine Hagarman, Heather Kuhn; Bev Stiffler-Smith

Early Learning Center Fundraisers



Pumpkin Roll Fundraiser

Everyone's Favorite fall and holiday treat is being made from scratch by Ms. Cassandra and Ms. Dorine in the Early Learning Center! Moist and rich this festive, old fashioned pumpkin roll is tender caked filled and rolled with sweetened, whipped cream cheese filling. Pumpkin rolls freeze beautifully and are perfect to take to a party, give as a gift, or have as dessert with your holiday meals. You can purchase pumpkin rolls for \$10.00 each or 2 for \$18.00. Each pumpkin roll serves approximately 10 people.

Want to try a sample before purchasing one? Then stop by the church on Sunday, October 22nd before church or at 6:30 pm for the Church's Apple/Pumpkin Social!

All orders are due no later than November 5th and pumpkin rolls will be available for pick-up on November 13th. All proceeds for this fundraiser benefit the Early Learning Center.

St. Jacob's Early Learning Center Annual Trunk-Or-Treat

Join us October 27th from 6:00pm-8:00pm for our annual "Trunk-Or-Treat". This is a free family event with games, music, and cars full of candy! There will also be a "Ghoulish Cake Walk" in which adults and kids can play for only \$1.00 and there will also be hot dogs and drink for sale.

If you would like to help with the Trunk-Or-Treat with either decorating your trunk, donating candy, or donating cakes, please see Michele Harper.



Butter Braids Fundraiser

The Early Learning Center will be having a Butter Braids Fundraiser due to popular demand! Butter Braids are about the easiest breakfast, brunch, side dish or dessert you can serve. They come ready made and assembled and are stored in the freezer. You'll pull the pastry out of the freezer just before you head to bed and let it sit out to thaw and rise overnight. When you wake up, it will be like magic—sitting there ready and waiting for you to bake the Butter Braid pastry! If you'd rather serve it as an evening dessert or side, just take a pastry out first thing in the morning and bake that evening.

The Butter Braid fundraiser will kick off on November 20th and orders are due December 8th. Orders will be available for pick up on December 18th. Order forms will be available on the Early Learning Center Bulletin board starting November 20th.



The flavors to pick from are:

- Apple
- Blueberry & Cream Cheese
- Caramel Rolls
- Cherry
- Cinnamon
- Strawberry & Cream Cheese
- Cream Cheese
- Raspberry
- Double Chocolate
- AND BRAND NEW this year—4 Cheese & Herb!

Pampered Chef Raffle

The Early Learning Center is holding “Pampered Chef” Raffles starting this Sunday!! The raffles will run for two weeks and then we will draw a name to see who the lucky winner is of these fantastic products! We will be doing these raffles from now through the holidays so buy a ticket for a chance to win it yourself or to give to someone as a present this holiday season!

The first raffle is the “Spin, Cut, & Take Bundle” and it includes:



Salad & Berry Spinner with Lid (Retail Value \$68.50)



Quick Slice (Retail Value \$34.00)

**Total Value
\$130.00**



Make & Take Mason Jar Set
(Retail Value \$27.50)

Purchase your Raffle Tickets Today!

- 1 Raffle Ticket = \$1.00
- 3 Raffle Tickets = \$2.00
- 6 Raffle Tickets = \$5.00
- 15 Raffle Tickets = \$10.00

To purchase your tickets see Michele Harper or Eric Barley.

All proceeds benefit the children of the Early Learning Center

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Newsletter Distribu- tion	2  CDA Classes 6-9pm Bible Study 6:30pm	3	4 	5 	6	7 Food Pantry 9-11am
8	9  CDA Classes 6-9pm Bible Study 6:30pm	10	11	12	13	14 Pot Pie Dinner 4-6pm
15 Joint Service at Lutheran's	16  CDA Classes 6-9pm Consistory 7pm NO Bible Study	17	18	19	20 Family Movie Night 6pm	21 Fall Work Day 8am-? Soup Sale
22 Apple/Pumpkin So- cial 6:30pm ELC Pumpkin Fund- raiser Starts	23 CDA Classes 6-9pm Bible Study 6:30 pm	24	25	26	27 ELC Trunk or Treat 6-8pm	28
29	30 CDA Classes 6-9pm Bible Study 6:30pm	31 				

Schedule of Events

- October 1—Communion and Newsletter Distribution
- October 2—Early Learning Center CDA Classes 6-9pm, Bible Study 6:30pm
- October 7—Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 am
- October 9—Early Learning Center CDA Classes, Bible Study 6:30pm
- October 14—Pot Pie Dinner 4-6pm
- October 15—Joint Service at Lutheran's
- October 16—Early Learning Center CDA Classes 6-9pm, Consistory 7pm, **NO** Bible Study
- October 20—Family Movie Night Featuring "Moana" 6pm
- October 21—Fall Work Day 8am-??, Soup Sale
- October 22—Apple/Pumpkin Social 6:30pm, ELC Pumpkin Fundraiser Starts
- October 23—Early Learning Center CDA Classes 6-9pm, Bible Study 6:30pm
- October 27—Early Learning Center Trunk or Treat 6-8pm
- October 30—Early Learning Center CDA Classes 6-9pm, Bible Study 6:30 pm



Autumn Word Search Puzzle

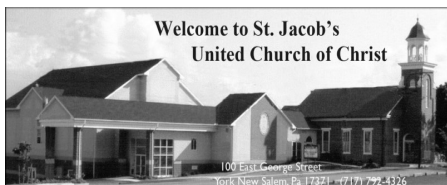


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autumnal foliage
back to school
birds fly south
cornucopia
fall
Halloween
harvest

leaves change color
mellow fruitfulness
nights grow darker
picking apples
pumpkins
squirrels gather nuts
Thanksgiving
winter approaches





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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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