

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 ...

Greetings to All,

What would happen if we knew the future? I don't mean things like the dates to say bills or going to the doctor's. Rather, think of your life: What would you do if you knew how much time you had? Would there be different changes if you knew you had 24 hours, than knowing you had 24 years?

As much as we plan and as much as we make our reservation, - are they still not tentative? (People buy insurance in case their vacation plans fall apart, right?) Dreams are often projected into the future along with our hopes. To often they come to naught. Think of the "Dream House", a romantic relationship or that once-in-a-lifetime event. Is there a concrete guarantee they will materialize?

So - is it wise to put our efforts and hopes into the future? I knew a woman who lived extremely frugal. She did so with the idea that she'd have enough finances to travel. She did but she dies a few weeks after retirement. By staking everything on the future, she missed the wonder and beauty of each day. By having such and extreme focus, what else did she miss? Friendships? Family? Celebrations - good and not so good? Sunsets? The small joys in life like a baby's firsts steps?

Once missed, there is no recapturing the event or its intended influence on your life. We can remember the feelings, the sounds and sights of our children's birth, but we cannot repeat them.

Therefore, it is wise for us to obey the Hymn - "This is the Day the Lord has made Let us be glad and rejoice in it."

Psalm 24:8

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Blessings To All,

Pastor Rick

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Accounting



**ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
GENERAL FUND
JULY 31, 2019**

| | | RECEIPTS | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|
| | AMOUNT | DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
| BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019 | \$5,219.44 | | | |
| RECEIPTS: | | 07/07/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | \$4,088.00 |
| OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS | 5,715.00 | 07/14/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | 1,448.00 |
| EARLY LEARNING CENTER | | 07/21/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | 1,651.00 |
| SHARED EXPENSES | 2,800.00 | 07/28/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | 1,328.00 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | | | | |
| PAYMENTS MADE | (9,869.42) | | | |
| | | | TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>\$8,515.00</u> |
| BALANCE JULY 31, 2019 | <u>\$3,865.02</u> | | | |

**ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BUILDING FUND
JULY 31, 2019**

| | | RECEIPTS | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|
| | AMOUNT | DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
| BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019 | \$8,559.76 | | | |
| RECEIPTS: | | 07/07/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | \$893.00 |
| OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS | 3,782.00 | 07/14/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | 768.00 |
| TRANSFER FROM EARLY LEARNING CENTER | 6,711.00 | 07/21/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | 1,423.00 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | (12,448.24) | 07/28/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | 698.00 |
| BALANCE JULY 31, 2019 | <u>\$6,604.52</u> | | TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>\$3,782.00</u> |

**ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BENEVOLENCE FUND
JULY 31, 2019**

| | | RECEIPTS | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|
| | AMOUNT | DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
| BALANCE JUNE 30, 2019 | \$2,714.72 | | | |
| OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS | 516.00 | 07/07/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | \$190.00 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | 0.00 | 07/14/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | 140.00 |
| BALANCE JULY 31, 2019 | <u>\$3,230.72</u> | 07/21/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | 92.00 |
| | | 07/28/19 | WEEKLY RECEIPT | 94.00 |
| | | | TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>\$516.00</u> |
| SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE | <u>\$5,000.00</u> | | | |

From Our Consistory President

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. [Psalm 23:5](#)

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

It is very hard to believe sometimes just how fast time moves it seems only the other day we were trying to figure out if the heat wave was going to break. Now the cool breezes of fall and sight of leaves falling is before us our children and teachers are back in school. The fall season is before us and we have so many wonderful things to prepare for this coming season we in Consistory hope you will join us and always feel free to bring a friend along. We have a Fall Fling where we will have some great music that we can sit and listen to or shake your hips to. There is a Sub and Pretzel Sandwich sale that will help benefit our Back Bay Mission Trip in 2020. There is a wonderful Women's Bible Study starting on September 18th at our sister church at 6:30 I know they would love our ladies to join them. Lynn Becker is leading the clothing bank now and is looking for donations so as we clean out our closets this fall please remember donating to the clothing bank will be helping others.

Sincerely,

Heather Kuhn
Consistory President



Required Minimum Distribution offerings can save you Federal Income Tax Dollars

If you are 70 and 1/2 years of age you can likely reduce your annual Federal income tax obligation by directing any portion of your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from a tax deferred account as part of your giving to St. Jacob's UCC. Individuals who must receive a RMD can have their account representative distribute dollars directly to our church. That offering amount will not be included in your Federal taxable income total for the year. This amount of church giving will also be excluded as part of your itemized deduction total.

There are several ways excluding these RMD dollars will save tax dollars; 1) the amount of social security monies included as part of taxable income may be reduced, 2) a lower taxable income amount will save you tax dollars within your tax bracket and may even place you in a lower tax bracket and 3) reducing your adjustable gross income will allow for more medical expense dollars to be included as part of your itemized deduction calculation.

It is likely your account representative will only be willing to send one payment to St. Jacob's during any one year, but you may certainly decide how that payment is to be allocated among our various accounts. For instance, your donation could be split among any of our primary general, building or benevolence accounts, held to be used toward a year-end Christmas gift to repay mortgage principal, given toward a special benevolence cause or applied toward an ongoing special project we may be undertaking. If your donation were received say September 1st, it would be deposited into the church's savings account. Then at the end of each month amounts would be withdrawn from savings and transferred into each respective account and cause as you had directed.

In almost every instance reducing your Federal adjusted gross income will save you tax dollars. This is especially true with the 2018 tax law changes that increased the standard deduction for Federal income tax purposes (for 2019 these amounts are \$24,400 for joint and \$12,200 for individual filers). It may be most likely that your best option is to use the standard vs. itemized deduction total when calculating your Federal taxable income. Everyone's income tax circumstances are different, so you should check with your tax advisor before initiating a direct distribution to St. Jacob's. If you like I would be pleased to answer questions you may have. Consider this strategy for 2020 if your distribution has already occurred for 2019. Thank you.

Eric Barley

Back Bay Mission Trip News Update

We are now one year away from our next trip to Back Bay!

We currently have 13 people signed up for our trip in September 2020, with slots remaining for 7 more.

We will be having a planning meeting on September 29th after church to talk about what we need to look at moving forward. Lunch will be provided.

As a reminder, one change we have decided for this next trip is a request for each person going to contribute \$500 toward the cost of the trip in addition to the help they will be giving with fundraisers. This amount will cover the work camp fee for each person and help cover the other expenses for the trip.

If you are interested in going on the trip, or in helping to get ready for the trip please join us on September 29th. If you know of anyone outside the congregation who may be interested in going please talk with Rev. Rick or myself.

Scott Becker

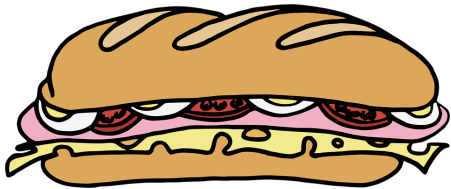


The committee has moved to the next step in the Pastoral search and has been able to set up a neutral pulpit in September with the pastoral candidate we interviewed at the beginning of August. The committee will travel to hear this candidate at the neutral pulpit and then discuss if we are interested into moving onto the next step or not. As I spoke one August Sunday morning with an update, I mentioned that a chapter may be ending, but the book isn't over yet, and that each member of St. Jacob's UCC is a writer in that book. Please continue to pray for our church and our search committee as we journey through the search process.

Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

Sub and Pretzel Sandwich Sale

We will be holding a sub and sandwich sale to benefit the 2020 Back Bay Mission Trip. The subs will be \$5.50 and the pretzel sandwiches will cost \$5. Order forms are due September 15th and pick up will be from 4-6 on September 25th. Return your order forms to Kim and Ashley Criswell.



Fall Dance—Saturday, September 21st

Join us on Saturday, September 21st for our Fall Dance from 6-9 p.m. The dance will be featuring The Hipbreakers starting at 7p.m. The dance only cost \$5/person with food being extra. See you there!!!



YOUNG AT HEART

Will be meeting September 24th for breakfast at Dallastown Family Restaurant at 9 am. All are welcome! (2695 S Queen St, York, PA 17402)

Pot Pie Dinner—Saturday, October 19th

The Pot Pie Dinner is fast approaching on Saturday, **October 19th**. 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.

Apple/Pumpkin Social— Sunday, October 20th

The Apple/Pumpkin Social is on **October 20th 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!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

The committee met August 14 to plan message topics through October.

- September 1 -- TBD
- September 8 -- Communion -- Catechism
- September 15 -- Hymns/lyrics from writer Fanny Crosby. She is blind and wrote over 8,000 hymns and gospel songs. Many of the songs in our current hymnal carry her name as the writer. EX: Blessed Assurance (1873), Praise Him, Praise Him, To God Be the Glory
- September 22 -- Continuation of September 15
- September 29 -- Why We Pray
- October 6 -- Worldwide Communion -- Hymns from other nations; i.e. Go Ye Therefore into All the Nations" -- The Great Communion
- October 13 -- Joint Service with the Lutherans at their church
- October 20 -- Why the Reformation?
- October 27 -- John Calvin (1536) father of Reformed Faith in the Reformation

**Newsletter articles for October due
September 20th**



More Upcoming Events!



ELC Fundraiser: Joe Corbi's

St. Jacob's Early Learning Center is having a Joe Corbi's Fundraiser! Joe Corbi's sells yummy pizzas, cookies, cakes, and more! There are catalogs on the table outside the church office and one posted on the ELC bulletin board. All orders and monies are due by September 14th and checks are made payable to "St. Jacob's UCC ELC". All proceeds will be used to enhance the Center for the children. If you have any questions, please call the Center at 717-792-4322 or e-mail Katie at KHagarman@stjacobs-etc.org. As always, we are truly appreciative of all your support!

WORK DAY -- Roll up your sleeves. Bring your bucket, mop, windex, gloves -- whatever you need to clean (however, a lot of this is already available). Our church WORK DAY is SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 8 am. You don't need to be here at 8; and you don't have to stay all day. Any time/help you can give makes the work day shorter. AND, Sunday morning after, the sanctuary sparkles.

MITTEN TREE -- Yes, it is still hot and it is just September. However, so that cold weather accessories are available for cold weather distribution we need to start collecting now. So, when you are shopping, or are a creative person (knit or crochet) let's fill the tree with gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, and caps.

It's Fall! And it is the time of year when our church becomes even more active and busy with all the happenings and events. By participating in these events, you get to know your fellow members better. It is a great time for fellowship. It is also a great time to invite neighbors, friends, family, etc., to join us.

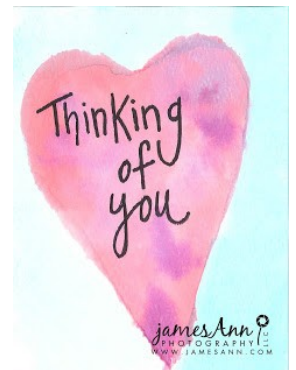


FLOORING UPDATE -- The new flooring for the reception area has been ordered. In order that the tile would be consistent in color, it had to be ordered from the manufacturer. Estimated install will be late September. Consideration is being given to the ELC during the installation to limit interruptions in their schedule. Updates will be provided as this project progresses.

FREE BREAKFAST -- The FREE breakfast that was scheduled for October 12 has been **CANCELLED**. Dave Trone has been the coordinator for the breakfast, along with the food pantry. The food pantry is experiencing changes that will put extra work on Dave. And, we did not get the response we were hoping for at previous breakfasts. If anyone should have suggestions for ways to reach out to the community, please let us know.

LET'S NOT FORGET OUR HOMEBOUND -- We are seeking members who might have an interest in visiting our homebound members. Sending cards is a good way to let them know we are thinking of them; but most certainly they would enjoy having company. Taking bulletins, the Upper Room, flowers and/or newsletters for their enjoyment are suggestions for them to stay caught up on what is happening in the church. Doing this would only take a few hours of your time each month; but would brighten a member's day. If you might be interested, let Lorrie or Velinda know. We will then meet to discuss the best way to do the visiting.

READERS -- It is always good to see new faces/members participating in our worship services. One way to do so is to be a reader. Pastor Rick has promised to keep the readings simple, but once in a while he manages to put a difficult reading in for a Sunday. Please contact Pastor Rick if you would be interested in participating.



LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

Women's Book Study

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 church.

The first book they will study is Connected: Curing the Pandemic of Everyone Feeling Alone Together, by Erin Davis. Purchase of the book is not required to participate in the study.

Ladies, plan to be here for what promises to be enlightening discussion that will help you feel connected to God and each other! Questions? See Tammy or call her at 717-801-2836.

Blanket Sunday

On **Sunday, October 20** St. Jacob's will gather blankets (bought new and handmade new) to be distributed through the clothing bank to our food pantry clients for the winter. Do you knit or crochet? Do you quilt or tie fleece blankets? We would love your handmade new blankets! Not that creative? Watch for sales as the weather gets colder! Either way, mark **October 20** on your calendar and help us out with Blanket Sunday!

Harvest Home Food Collection

St. Jacob's will celebrate Harvest Home on **Sunday, September 29**. Christian Life & Outreach will decorate the church for fall, and the Food Pantry will hold its annual Harvest Home Food Drive.

Beginning on **September 1**, grocery bags with a wish list of foods the pantry uses most will be available each Sunday. The wish list is also included here. You are welcome to use the list as you shop, and bring the food in the bag the pantry provides or in your own bag. Thank you – your contributions help feed the hungry in our community!



Harvest Home Shopping List (items our pantry uses the most)

- Canned Vegetables 15-oz can
 - Corn
 - Peas
 - Green beans
 - Pork & beans
- Canned Fruit
 - Peaches
 - Mixed fruit
 - Pears
- Spaghetti 1-lb box/bag
- Spaghetti Sauce 28-oz can
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Noodles 1-lb bag

Special Dates

September Birthdays

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| September 5th | Barb Hinkle |
| September 10th | Bristol Mellinger |
| September 12th | Anthony Johnson |
| September 22nd | Carl Henry |
| September 26th | Lorette Hale Mike Miller |
| September 27th | Katie Harper Evan Thoman Wagaman |
| September 28th | Susan Rorhbaugh |
| September 30th | Thomas Brungard |



September Anniversaries

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|----------------|---|
| September 6th | Austin & Lisa DeLaronde |
| September 7th | Glenn & Holly Geiple |
| September 11th | Steve & MJ Forry |
| September 15th | Larry & LouAnn Hoffman |
| September 18th | Mahlon & Lorrie Bechtel Lynn & Gloria Markle |

Happy Anniversary



P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Donna M.
- Glenn K.
- Linda C.
- Lois B.
- Joellyn S.
- Kathaleen R.
- Bud and Wendy B.
- Barry D.
- Claude R. Family
- Evelyn T.
- Stu M.
- Dennis F.
- Cindy S.
- Kelly A.
- Judy G.
- Billy & Elena H.
- Bonnie B
- Calude R. Family
- Janet & John H.
- Ethel G.
- George S.
- Willie S.
- Larry H.
- Mark K.
- Jim H. and Family
- Holly G.
- Viola K.
- Scott B.
- Family of Donna L.



2019 Altar Guild Schedule

September – Deneen Harbold & Dorine Hagarman

Communion 9-8-19

October – Kimberly Starner & Heather Kuhn

Communion 10-6-19

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.

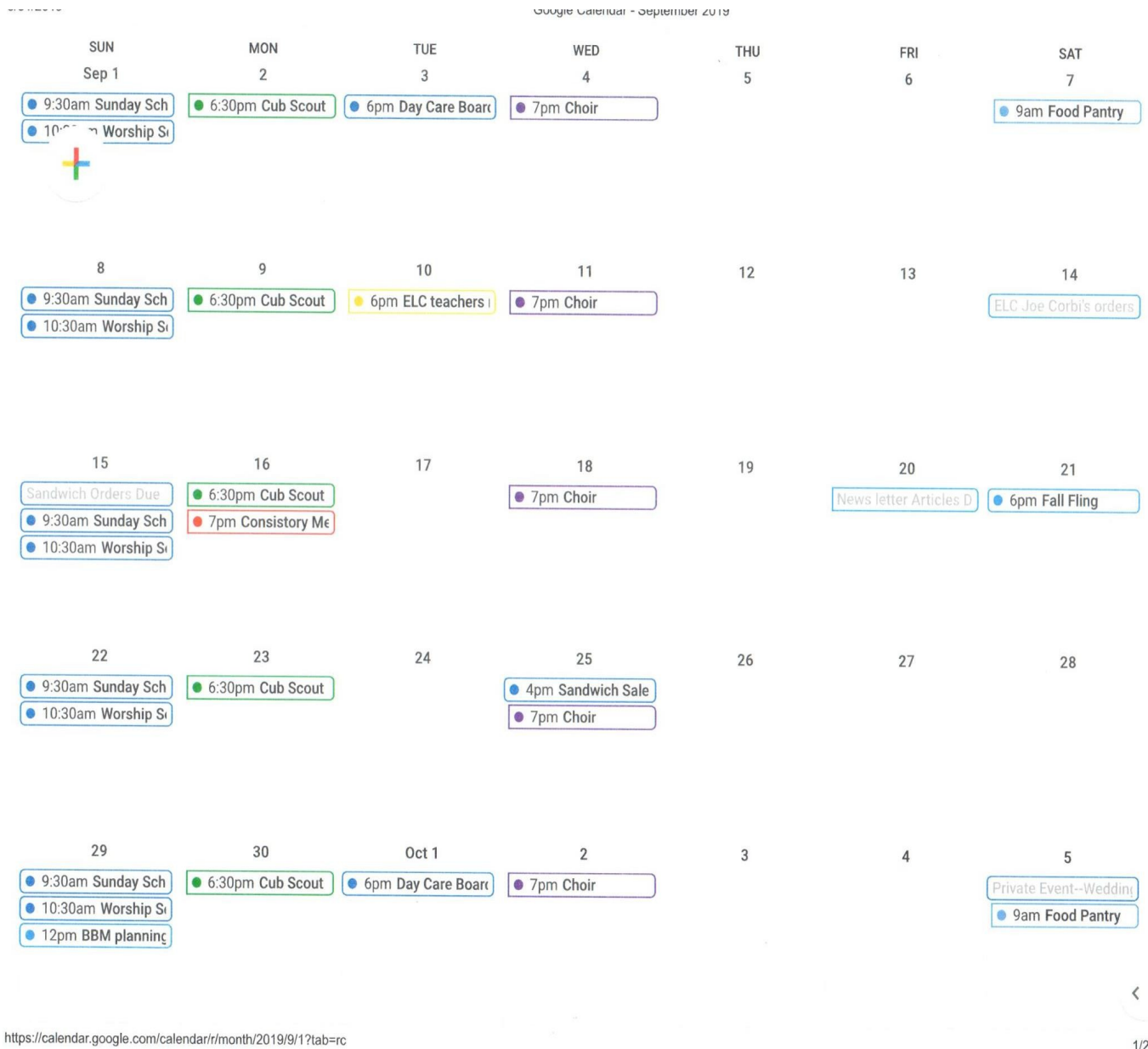
Spread the News!

Cory Markle was given an award for his participation in the 2019 Special Olympics. Please join us in congratulating him on this AWESOME accomplishment!

Way to go Cory!

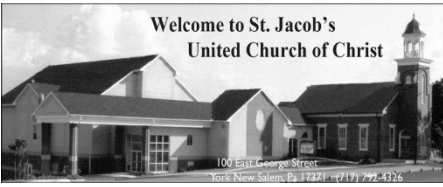


September 2019



Exciting News!

We FINALLY got the ball rolling on our much needed crosswalk. Within the next month we hope to see new roadway additions, as well as a few new signs. These additions are needed to ensure better safety for our members!



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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