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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,

I'm not quite sure how to approach the events of the last few months. Perhaps I expect too much civility from those “public servants” we elect. Perhaps I expect civility and decorum between different groups of people.

I am saddened by what I perceive. I am hurt as I witness the faith we proclaim be used to hurt others. E.g. The KKK and the Neo-Nazi consider themselves “good” Christians. Nothing is a bigger lie.—well—that could be debated.

I question myself, - Can't the President act as the President—President for ALL of us, not just the base? Can he rise above the pettiness of his tweets?

Or, is it my fault? I do expect the President to be the President—having dignity and self-discipline. I also expect him to work with others to get things done. Bad-mouthing others is juvenile behavior. And what happened to compromise? To me, the only one who doesn't need to compromise is God.

I am leaning more on my faith these days. God wants justice and righteousness for everyone. The Bible tells us that everyone and anyone can be part of God's family—color and ethnic background means nothing. There are great challenges before us. Do we solve them as respectable adults—or bury things? E.G. dealing with climate change has disappeared. What will that mean for our grandchildren? Yes, ignoring the issue now will make big bucks for some—but at what human cost?

I believe God is calling us to live out our faith more than usual. That we need to seriously consider the impact of our words and actions. That we need to pray more for those who lead this country.

I have hope and I believe because God's people will stand for the good and righteous things that need to be done. That we will overcome rudeness and arrogance with tough love. That God will allow His true wisdom to guide ALL of us.

Just remember Moses and 40 years in the wilderness. They did reach the promised land. And so will we. Amen.

Pastor Rick

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FROM THE DESK OF

Consistory President

Summer vacation is over and school is back in session! You can almost smell the freshly sharpened pencils and hear the pages in books being turned by the children. Students of all ages, are getting back into hustle and bustle of school life—and so are the parents.

While St. Jacob's UCC Early Learning Center's Summer Camp program has come to an end, the events within our learning center are ever so going! In October, Cassandra Smith and Dorine Hagarman, will be having a pumpkin roll fundraiser for the Center. The fundraiser will begin on Sunday, October 22nd and after church, there will be samples for you to try of the pumpkin rolls prior to putting your order in!

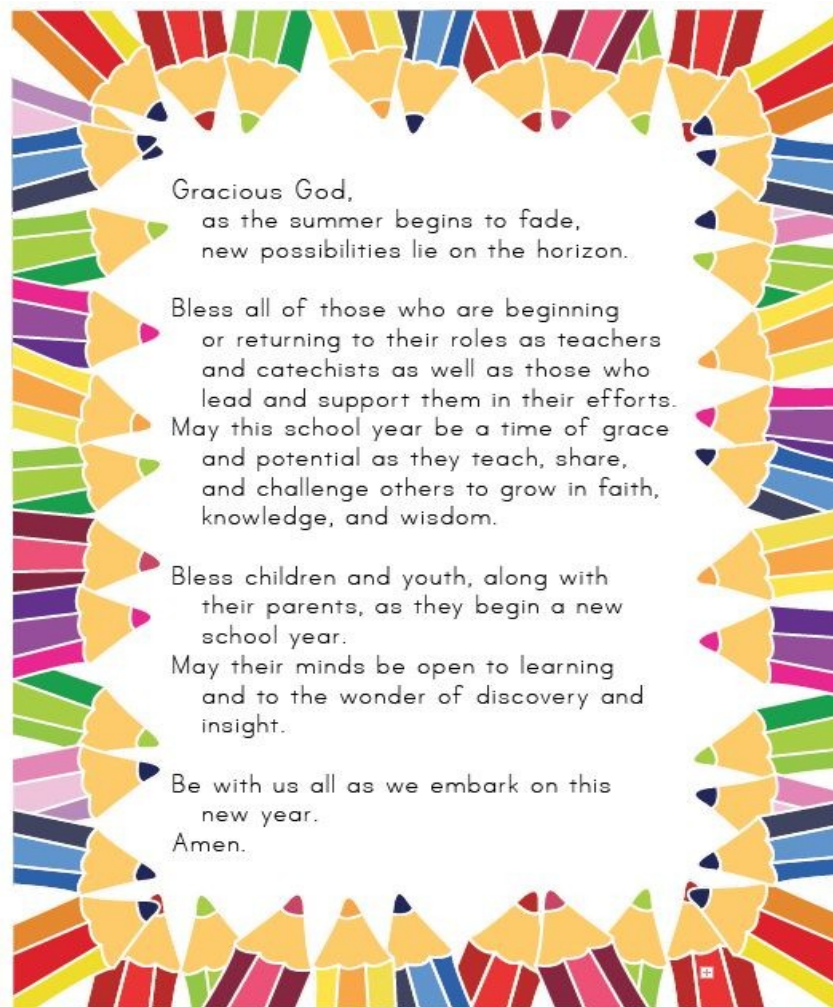
Also in October, the Early Learning Center, the classrooms will be decorating their doors for Halloween. The Center is asking our Church members to come down and vote on the doors as well as take a look at some of the things they are doing within their classrooms!

Keep on the look out for more information on The Early Learning Center's annual trunk-or-treat and the Butter Braids fundraiser coming this Fall/Winter! If you would like to participate in the trunk-or-treat by decorating your trunks or donating candy, please let Michele Harper know.

Lastly, we want to wish the best to our students and teachers of 2017-2018 school year. Students—please remember to not put too much pressure on yourselves, do your best and enjoy your school year! Teachers—we give an endless amount of thanks for the important role you play in children's' lives. The time and energy you put into your classroom and the children it more appreciated than words can express!

We know 2017-2018 will be a successful year for our students and teachers!

Heather Kuhn
Consistory President



August 2017 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

The chart below shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the seven months of 2017.

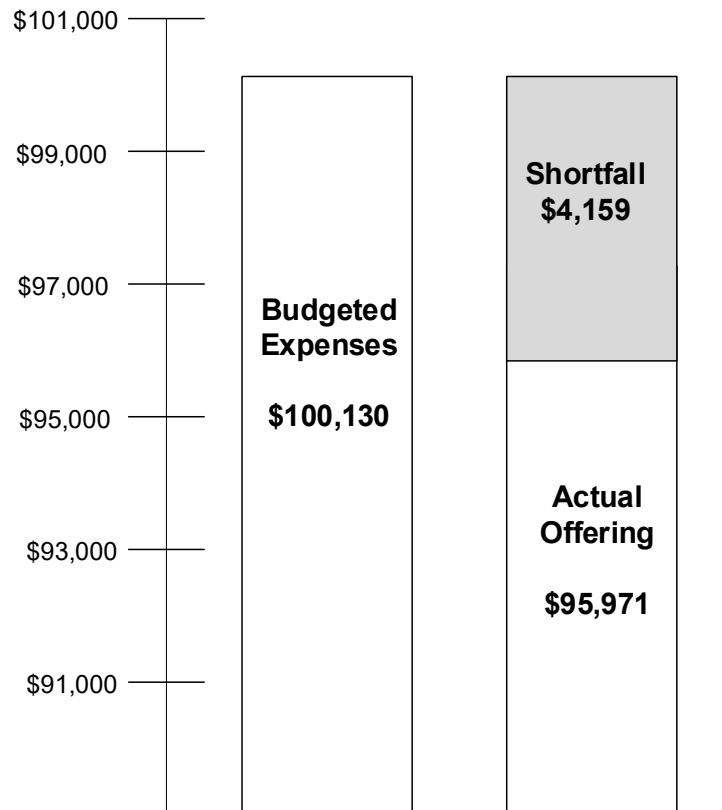
The numbers through the end of July showed a combined shortfall in the General and Building Funds of \$4,159 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings. The increased shortfall was due to the fact that again in July actual offerings ran behind our budgeted expenses. We have shown a shortfall for each of the last three months between our actual giving and our budgeted expenses. 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 had again in July did not have to take anything from our building savings account to meet expenses.

Budget Numbers through July 2017

**Covers 31 Sundays
Combined General and Building Funds**



Notes of Thanks

Texas Roadhouse: Thank you to everybody who came out to our Texas Roadhouse Fund-raiser! We raised \$80 from the event. It would not have been a success without your help!

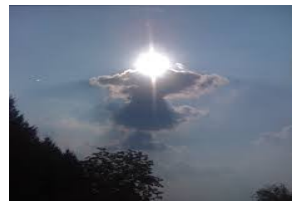
Lifepath Christian Ministries: Thank you to everybody who donated items to the Lifepath Christian Ministries as our mission of the month of May. They were thrilled with the donations that were brought into them.

Soup Sale: A BIG “Thank You!” to everyone who helped with the corn we received to prep and freeze for the Soup Sale. Thanks to Wayne Laughman Family for donating the corn!

Where was God on your summer vacation?



Take picture of something you saw this summer that when you looked at it you thought “Now that is God’s handiwork!” Send us your pictures and they will be presented Sunday September 10th during the



service. You may explain your picture during the service. Details as to where to send the pictures will follow in an upcoming newsletter.

Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

Please have everything you want to keep off the Cemetery by October 7th.



Upcoming Classes for Fall

Beginning 11th of September, weekly Bible Study Classes will be up and running. It will cost you about 1.5 hours +/- each session (informal) and someone willing to make coffee. (You don't want me to make it...really!) Please bring your Bible and some way to take notes—if you want. We will meet in the conference room at 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.—your choice.

The goals for the 1st class:

1. Review the tools and knowledge required to do justice to the meanings of the Holy Word.
2. Determine—via group—what we shall study
3. Fellowship

Hope I see you there!

Pastor Rick

F. Y. I.—Pastor-Parish Committee

A Pastor-Parish Committee is being established. The function of this committee is to ensure the Pastor (& spouse/family, if any) is functioning well and to develop a means to further the congregation's ministry with all on the same page. Please contact Lynn Johnson for further details.

Hurricane Harvey

Church members,

You have all seen the tremendous horrific damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. You have seen the folks who only have the clothes on their backs. We - You & I - can be part of their recovery, part of them getting food, water and medicine. And, later on, part of rebuilding homes. But - we need to act now! U.C.C. headquarters has set-up the "Emergency USA Fund". This is specifically dedicated to those affected by Harvey.

We are joining - putting our Faith to Work. Bud & Mary Lou have personally initiated this emergency fund drive with a gift of \$1,000.00. We all are challenged to add to this. Each Sunday during September, we will collect your life-saving gifts.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick



Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

Chicken BBQ—Saturday, September 16th

We will be holding a Chicken BBQ Dinner on September 16th to benefit the Church Building Fund and Back Bay Mission Trip. Dinners will be available for pick-up starting at 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Dinners include 1/2 chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, and roll. All for only \$9.00! Call the church office or see Kim Criswell to reserve your chicken dinner NOW! Last day to reserve your dinners is September 10th. Dinners are pre-orders only.

Paint and Enjoy—Friday September 29th

Lets Paint and Enjoy on Friday, September 29th. Get together with friends and family and create a beautiful painting.



Graphic Designer and Artist, Connie Higgins will lead you step-by-step through the process of creating a masterpiece you will be proud of. Enjoy conversation, refreshments and music while you

work! No painting experience is needed. This includes:

All painting supplies, and refreshments.

You must be at least 14 years old to paint. We will be painting "Summer Flowers" The cost to paint is \$35.00. The event doors open at 6:30 p.m. and we will start painting at 7:00 So come on out and have a fun evening.

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.

Family Movie Night—Friday, October 20th

Save the date! On Friday, October 20th we will be holding our Family Movie Night. Movie to be determined. 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.

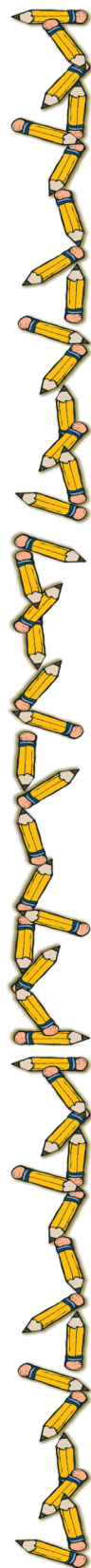
**Family
Movie Night**

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!

Pumpkin Roll Fundraiser—Sunday October 22nd

Starting October 22nd, the Learning Center will be having a Pumpkin Roll Fundraiser. The pumpkin rolls will be made freshly made by Cassandra Smith and Dorine Hagarman. There will be a sample testing on October 22nd, after church, for you to try the pumpkin rolls prior to purchasing.



Special Dates

September Birthday

September 05	Shirley Markle
September 22	Carl Henry
September 26	Loretta Hale Mike Miller
September 27	Katie Harper Evan Thomas Wagaman
September 28	Susan Rohrbaugh
September 30	Tomas Brungard



September Anniversaries

September 03	Betsy Eyster & Oscar Peralta
September 05	Abe & Megan Mellinger
September 06	Ted & Jodie Forry
September 07	Tom & Mary Brungard
September 10	Eric & Hilary Barley
September 12	Joe & Shelly Shubert
September 15	Stephen & Krista Basore
September 26	Rodney & Tammy McCarron



P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

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



2017 Altar Guild

September—Deneen Harbold & Dorine Hagarman—
Communion 10th

October – Loretta Hale & Heather Kuhn – Communion 2nd

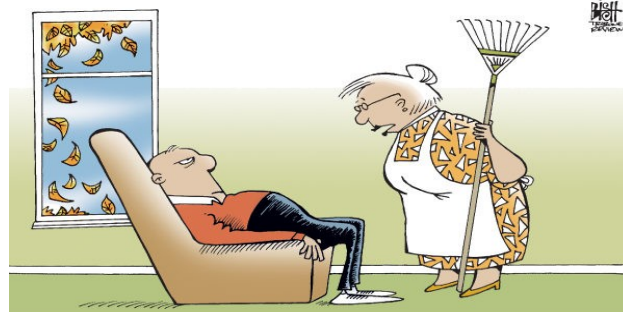


Head Ushers



September—Velinda Johnson

October—Steve Reynolds



YEARS AGO, YOU TOLD ME THAT SOMEDAY YOU'D REALLY BE
RAKING IT IN. HERE'S YOUR CHANCE, SPORT.



St. Jacob's UCC Early Learning Center

Can you believe it? Summer is quickly coming to an end. The days are getting shorter. The flowers are losing their blooms and yes, the leaves are making subtle changes from bright green to yellow, orange, red and brown. With those seasonal changes, it is time to close out the summer program at St. Jacob's Early Learning Center and prepare for the academic year. We are excited to share that the center is moving to a theme-based curriculum. Although each level will be working with the same theme throughout the year, learning objectives will vary according to age level and developmental appropriateness. The themes are integrated across the curriculum, which means that our teachers will strive to make connections to all areas of the curriculum; reading, math, science, language arts, music, art, etc. We are excited that this approach is also literature-based. We are looking forward to our staff showcasing their creativity and to our children learning through this integrated model.

Speaking of our children, we are bursting at the seams here at St. Jacob's Early Learning Center. In addition to the many children who have been a part of our program, we have added quite a few new children to our rosters. The news must be getting out that St. Jacob's is the place to be! We are also very excited to share that beginning August 21st, many of our staff members have begun working toward their CDA certification. This Child Developmental Associate credential is highly recognized in early childhood education. These staff members have committed to a 40 week course, which meets every Monday evening for 3 hours. When complete, 9 college credits will have been earned. We are so proud of them! Having highly qualified and dedicated staff on board truly makes this center shine!

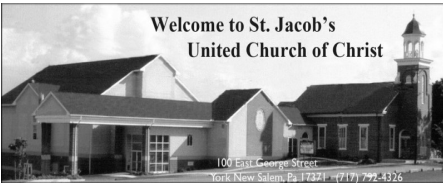
Last month we mentioned that a Pampered Chef fund raiser was in progress. We are happy to report that it was highly successful! Because of the high level of participation, we were able to choose quite a few items for free and half-price, which were then donated to the kitchen for center and church use. We will also be holding raffles of several of the higher priced items. Watch for information to be posted in the very near future.

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Food Pantry 9am-11am
3	4  Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 Welcome Back Sunday Communion Pot Luck After Service	11 CDA Classes 6-9pm	12	13	14	15	16 Chicken BBQ 11am-1pm
17	18 Consistory 7pm CDA Classes 6-9pm	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 CDA Classes 6-9pm	26	27	28	29 Paint & Enjoy Doors open: 6:30 pm Starts: 7pm	30

Schedule of Events

- September 2—Food Pantry 9am - 11 am
 - September 4—Labor Day
- September 10—Welcome Back Sunday; Communion; Pot Luck After Service
 - September 11—CDA Classes 6-9pm for Early Learning Center
 - September 16—Chicken BBQ 11am-1pm
- September 18—Consistory 7pm; CDA Classes 6-9pm for Early Learning Center
 - September 25—CDA Classes 6-9pm for Early Learning Center
- September 29—Paint & Enjoy Doors Open at 6:30 pm & it starts at 7pm



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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