

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 of you, and a bit of rest for myself & Cindy - we're just getting back from vacation.

I confess that I've never seen such real - big - big mountains. Nor saw icebergs floating by. Nor trains that go up cliffs & it's NOT supposed to be 90 degrees in Juneau. Vacation was a great eye opener about God's creation - including sled dogs.

Once again I am reminded of how beautiful - how huge and how diversified creation is. And how little I've actually witnessed. Hopefully that can be remedied.

I began thinking (yes I know it's dangerous and hard to do without a brain) - Anyway - Thinking. What does a vacation actually do. When does it fit in - rather, how does it fit in?

A few answers - 1 It takes me to another world. Places I've never seen/experienced. People from all over - Texas, New Zealand, Iowa, California, England - I get to meet. My world gets bigger and more realistic. 2 I am humbled by the gifts I see about me. Not just the above-the-clouds mountain tops I stand in awe of, but of those engineers and builders who put the cruise ship together & the administration & logic that keep over 6000 people fed, bed and have too many choices for things to do. 3 I get taken away from my usual routine and put in a new one. We hear that the world is too much with us. There's truth there and it's a good reason to break from the routine and schedules we place ourselves in.

So, I am thankful for vacations. And I thank God that I am able to have them and learn from them.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick

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From the Desk of Consistory President

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

Wow summer is almost over I can not believe how fast it has gone. I hope you have been able to find some enjoyment this summer and have been able to relax with family and friends.

We had a wonderful turn out for our church picnic in July. The food was fantastic as always so was spending time with our church family. It was also great to see our Lutheran family join us as well.

We have many things coming up this fall. Please take an extra moment to read over our newsletter, we would not want you to miss out on anything exciting.

Our Mission trip is right around the corner and our members that are attending are excited to get on the road and help Back Bay with some fantastic projects.

We also will be hosting a Victorian dance ensemble. We have a wonderful group of people that will be showing us some dance steps and then we will be able to take a turn around the floor ourselves with some guidance. We will have some yummy food and desserts to enjoy also this evening.

We also have our Pot Pie dinner right around the corner. Please remember to check our calendar and newsletter for more information to follow.

Please remember if you need to leave a note for our office to fill out the form that is posted on the bulletin board outside of the office then place in the bin on the desk. Information has been getting misplaced and not included in our bulletins and newsletters and we would really like to avoid that happening.

Please remember that our church and church grounds are a No Smoking facility. In the past few months we have noticed a larger amount of cigarette butts along the edge of our flower beds at the front of the building. Signs will be posted stating that we are a No Smoking facility. We want to wish all of our parents, students and teachers good luck as school is starting, we hope you have a fantastic year.

Sincerely,

Heather Kuhn

Consistory President

UCC Announcement on Styrofoam

On June 9, 2018, a vote was taken and overwhelmingly passed at the annual Penn Central Conference on the Plastic Foam Resolution that was presented by Trinity UCC, Waynesboro. The resolution encourages all congregations to avoid the use of plastic foam (i.e. Styrofoam) in church facilities. Just a few points from this resolution are, plastic foam takes 500 years to decompose. Components that make up plastic foam are known carcinogens in animals and suspected carcinogens in humans. A few weeks ago on Aug 19th, a discussion was held in Sunday School on how we can do our part in caring for our environment in regards to the use of plastic foam. To start, we will take a small step during our coffee time by replacing the foam coffee cups with a dozen or so ceramic coffee mugs. Or members are welcome to bring in their own travel mug to use for tea or coffee. Also, we will be replacing the foam dessert plates with paper plates. Resources for non-plastic foam food packaging products will be shared with those in our church who work our larger events. Our thought is to start small and hopefully move to replacing plastic foam items at our larger events. To read more on the plastic foam resolution please visit pccucc.org and find the annual meeting minutes under the News & Events tab. If you have any extra ceramic coffee mugs you would like to clean out of your cupboard to donate to our coffee time, please let Kathryn Forry know.

July 2018 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

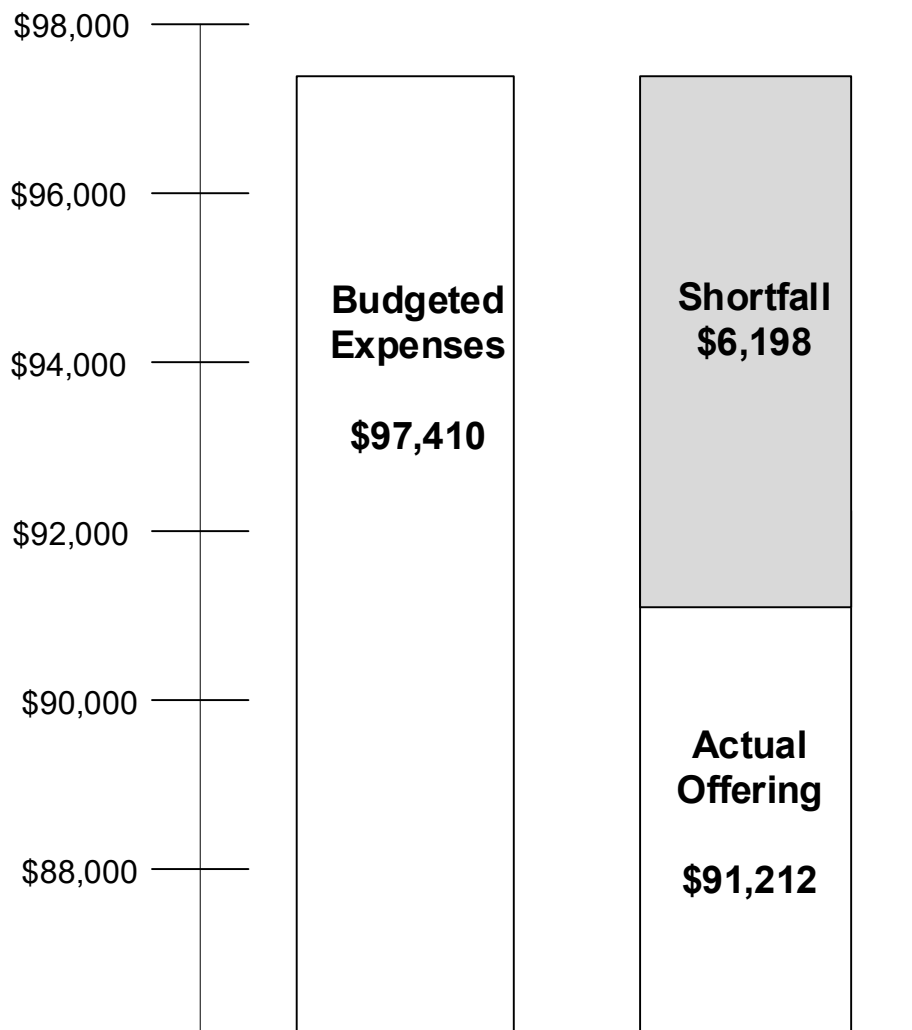
Shown below is a chart which shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the seven months of 2018.

The numbers through the end of June showed a combined shortfall in the General and Building Funds of \$6,198 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings.

In the month of July we did not need to take anything from our building savings account to meet expenses.

Budget Numbers for July 2018

**Covers 30 Sundays
Combined General and Building Funds**



Search Committee Update

We have reached an unexpected bend in the path. The search committee was finalizing arrangements for the second interview of the candidate interviewed in July when we received word that this candidate had accepted employment elsewhere. We will take a deep breath in this process and reach out to the Penn Central Conference to discuss our concerns of the search process at this time with the vacancy of the Conference Search & Call Minister. Please keep this journey in your prayers



Back Bay Mission Trip 2018 Update for September

As I write this up we are now less than 3 weeks from our trip to Back Bay Mission and we are currently locked in for 15 people (ranging in age from 16 to 67).

Our last official fundraiser was our August sandwich sale.

Please remember that we will continue to collect personal travel size items (feminine hygiene pads, deodorant, shampoo, soap, Kleenex, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hand lotion, bushes, wet wipes) and we are also asking for donations of light sweatshirts and t-shirts. On our first trip we learned how much of a need there was for these items for the homeless, many of whom sleep on the beaches in and near Biloxi.

Our challenge to the congregation is still in place: for those who can to donate \$5 per person each week toward the mission trip to help cover our expenses.

More updates on our progress will follow throughout the September – including updates during our trip to and from Biloxi. And updates of our activities while we are in Biloxi.

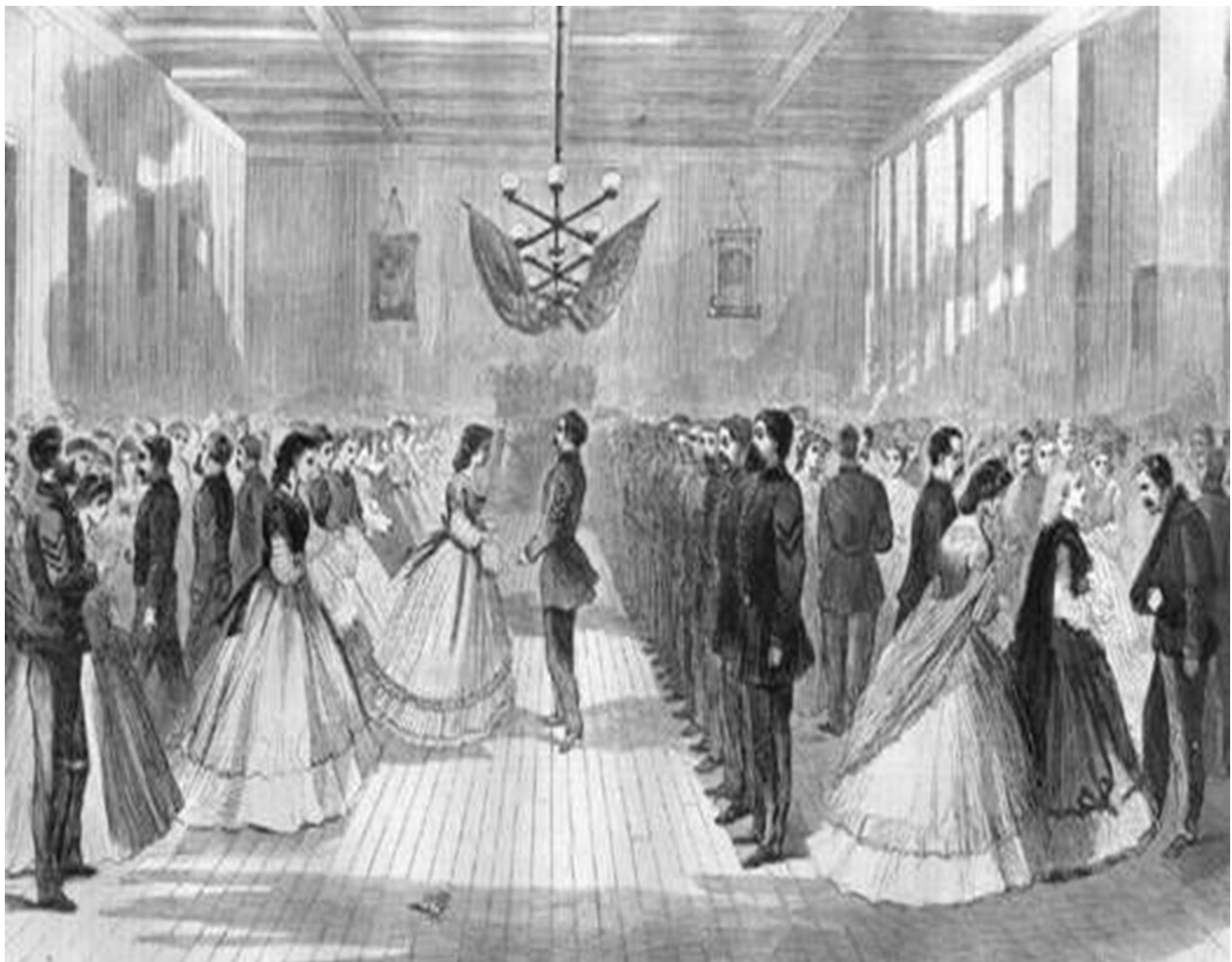
If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask any of the people who have signed up to go on the trip (the list is outside the choir room).

Thank you for your dedication and support,
The Back Bay Mission Team



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!



Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

Donations Needed for the Early Learning

Center: St. Jacob's ELC is looking for the following items: 1-2 rocking chairs for our Infant Room, 2 chairs for the entrance of the Center (if possible matching), 1-2 child size chairs for the entrance of the Center. The chairs we are requesting for the entrance of the Center is so that we can create a small comfortable lobby for our families and possible new families to have an area to sit with their children when they are waiting such as before and/or after tours of the facility. As always, the ELC and staff are extremely appreciative of your continued support of our Center and any donations you can make to the Center!



Choir Practice

Choir will begin to meet again on Thursday September 6th at 7pm and will continue to meet on Thursday nights in the forthcoming months.



Harvest Home (St Jacob's Lutheran)

It hardly seems possible that it is August already! But before we know it the fall season will be coming around, with colorful leaves, pumpkins, apples, and all the joys of the harvest season. Here at St. Jacob's, September brings Harvest Home, a time for us to give thanks for the many blessings we receive from God's hand by in turn giving from our surplus for others in need. We do this with a food collection for the St. Jacob's Food Pantry.

During Lent, for our food collection, we distributed bags with a list of foods that are the most needed in our pantry, so that when you did your grocery shopping you could buy a few of those items and return them in the bag to our pantry. We are going to do this again for Harvest Home because it worked so well!

We will begin handing out bags with a list of most-needed items attached on Sunday, September 2, and ask that they be returned on Harvest Home Sunday, September 30. Please prayerfully consider how you can help our pantry with gifts of food. And remember, as you enjoy all that the fall season will bring, to give thanks to God, the giver of all good gifts, for the many ways you are blessed in this life!



Newsletter articles for September due by Sep. 21st.

Special Dates

September Birthdays

September 5th Shirley Markle

September 22nd Carl Henry

September 26th Loretta Hale

Mike Miller

September 27th Katie Harper

Evan Thomas Wagaman

September 28th Susan Rohrbaugh

September 30th Thomas Burngard



September Anniversaries

September 3rd Betsy Eyster & Oscar Peralta

September 5th Abe & Megan Mellinger

September 6th Ted & Jodie Forry

September 7th Tom & Mary Brungard

September 10th Eric & Hilary Barley

September 12th Joe & Shelly Shubert

September 15th Stephen & Krista Basore

September 26th Rodney & Tammy McCarron

P.U.S.H

(Pray Until Something Happens)

- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Claude R. & Family
- Cindy S.
- Glenn B.
- Mary Day
- Lucienne
- Anna
- Lydia K.
- Mary Danner Family
- Steve M.
- Dottie
- Greg S.
- Lynda C.
- Bob
- Dr. Ramage
- Kay
- Mary Day
- Dave W.
- Kathleen R.
- Bernhard Family

Hello, September!

2018 Altar Guild Schedule

September – Deneen Harbold & Dorine Hagarman—Communion on the 2nd

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

November – Lynn & Scott Becker

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

ALTAR GUILD

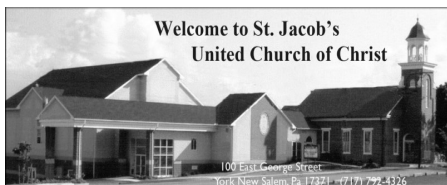


September 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Reverend Dr. Monica and communion	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 Choir Practice 7pm	7	8 Mission Team leaves for Biloxi
9 Hymn Sing	10	11	12	13 Choir Practice 7pm	14	15
16 Mission Team returns from Biloxi Mission Trip Photos	17	18	19	20 Choir Practice 7pm	21 News letter articles due	22 Sockhop
23	24 Consistory Meeting	25	26 Pastoral Reflections 6pm meal	27 Choir Practice 7pm	28	29

Schedule of Events

- September 2nd - Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith Speaks/
Communion/Mission Team Commissioning
- September 8th - Leave for Mission Trip
- September 16th - Return from Mission Trip
- September 22nd - Sockhop Dance
- September 26th - Pastoral Relations Meeting
- September 3rd - Labor Day
- September 9th - Hymn Sing
- September 21st - Newsletter Articles Due
- September 24th - Consistory 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.

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www.stjacobsucc.org