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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 ...*

**S**pring, some suggest, is coming. I stumbled into the garage to find a bushel of daffodil bulbs. I got them late in the fall—too busy to plant them. Kicked the job down the road. Winter? Easy enough to kick the job down the road. But now—I'm staring at the bulbs. Kick the job down the road—or get it done?

Aren't a lot of things in life like that? We can get them done—or simply kick them down the road. Some things can wait a bit—my planting bulbs can wait a few weeks. Other thing not so—if I kick telling my wife I love her—down the road, I will end up hitch-hiking that road.

God allows us to make choices. Kicking an issue, a problem, down the road is a choice.—The consequences are not choices. The consequences are a result of my choices. Some consequences I do not want (and neither do you). Too often we hear stories where the last words a couple had, were words of anger. Those words were a choice and the consequence is permanent. Not so good.

Such things don't have to be. We can choose to deal with issues, problems, stresses, etc. here and now. We are people of faith and we are surrounded by people of faith. We are not alone—there is help and answers. Is kicking the “whatever” down the road really needed? Is that the best answer for you and/or your friends and family?

And then the so-called “wise guy” in the room says, “I don't kick the can down the road. I sit on the fence, watching the rest of you.”

Really—? Sitting on the fence is different from kicking the can down the street? Really?

Because of our faith—nothing needs “put off until tomorrow”. “Tomorrow” may not come.

The good Lord has given us now—today. Let us use it well. And yes, I'll plant the bulbs on 12 March—if there is no rain/snow.

Shalom,

*Pastor Rick*

## *From the Desk of Consistory President*

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-5**

**“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”**

Hello St. Jacobs Family,

January has sped past our doors and our weathermen could not keep up with the changes in our weather system and our bodies could not either. For everyone that has suffered through the head colds and the flu we pray you're on the mend and drinking plenty of fluids. For those who have dodged both of these keep up the good working and drinking your orange juice.

February is a jam packed month of exciting events I hope you are as excited about as I am please take time and come and join us at any of these events. We begin the month with a Souper Bowl Challenge against our sister church the Lutherans the excitement of holding onto the Styrofoam bowl is thrilling. Then we have our Sweetheart Dinner and Dance with our Scout Troop 97 cooking for us and our Child Care offering sitting then we have Chris-Wick and the Hip Breakers rocking the night away. Then Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy a joint lunch with our sister church to see who will win the bowl. We have bingo right around the corner which is always exciting and yummy then a movie night for the whole family we also have our extremely yummy donut social.

There are so many exciting things in the month of February please don't miss out but also remember the most exciting is our Lenten service on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. As we take time to remember that Jesus gave his life so we could have ours.

*Heather Kuhn*

Consistory President

### January Consistory Meeting Notes

- Financial—Between the general account and building account, we broke even in 2017
- There will be a skit in church on a March Sunday.
- Kathryn suggested, if needed for the Back Bay Mission, there is \$3600.00 in the Youth Account
- Kathryn also suggested that we help “Veteran’s Helping Hand” by collecting items in October
- Spring Grove Jazz Band will perform at our Church on May 20th at 7pm
- Back Bay Meeting on February 11th at 6pm
- The purchase of a commercial floor scrubber to use on the Fellowship Hall floor was talked about. Kathryn made a motion to move forward with the purchase, Velinda 2nd the motion. It was voted to move forward by all those in attendance.
- The Bell Tower needing repairs was spoken about and will be discussed further.
- The UCC & Lutheran Consistories were scheduled to meet Monday, January 22nd at 6:30pm. The meeting was a successful conversation about things we can do as a joint family.
- Good Friday will be held here

## A Story of Blessings from the Micah Day Center!

Rachel came to Back Bay Mission dressed in business attire and driving a very nice vehicle. She asked our long-term volunteer if this was the place where they help the homeless. The volunteer asked Rachel if she had come to make a donation. Rachel then told her she was looking for help because she was the one in need, she was homeless. Move people's thoughts are, "How can this be? You are dressed so nice, you have a Mercedes and you are very articulate." This is not how most people think of the homeless. The face of the homelessness might very well be the person working next to you, the family who comes to church and the nice butcher at the supermarket.

Homelessness can happen to anybody at any time. It is a scary thought but true. Rachel became homeless after leaving an abusive marriage. She had to leave everything she knew behind to save herself. She had no one to turn to. She slept in her car and joined a gym to shower and get dressed. She found means to make some income. Rachel put together bagged lunches/snacks for groups of construction workers. She wanted a better life, a life without being abused. She was also very proud and found it hard to ask for help. She finally took those steps to Back Bay Mission.

The Day Center Coordinator helped Rachel with her emergency needs right away. Within the Micah Day Center, Rachel found solutions to several pressing concerns. She participated in activities of taking a shower, doing laundry, and received new personal hygiene items. She was able to choose food from the Food Choice Pantry. The Case Manager say with her to hear her full story and see how we could help. Rachel has a master's degree and she was ready and anxious to get back to work. The case manager sued her networks to help this person in need. Rachel secured an interview for a job (she was hired on the spot). Her new job had the advantage of included housing.

Rachel was touched by many of our services here at Back Bay Mission. She is now able to give back to those in need. She is no longer homeless and without means to support herself. She now assists others through difficult times. She will always be a friend of Back Bay Mission.

## 11th Annual Hunger Homeless Meal!

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi came to Back Bay Mission to provide a Thanksgiving meal to homeless and poverty-stricken individuals and families here in our community. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi has been providing the Hunger—Homeless Meal for 11 years. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi, under the leadership of Twin River Management Group, started providing a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless and hungry in 2007.

This has turned what is usually a day of hardship into a day of happiness for many of the participants.

The Hunger Homeless Meal was served and enjoyed by over 178 individuals. The meal consisted of all the traditional thanksgiving favorites; turkey, dressing, yams, cranberry, pecan pie, apple pie and more. The meal was served in Back Bay Mission's Micah Day Center. This meal could not take place without the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi. Hard Rock handles it all, from providing the food, to serving the many that attend. Back Bay Mission is grateful for Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi's commitment to their community.

## Back Bay Mission Trip 2018

### Back Bay Mission Trip 2018

Sunday, January we held our first planning meeting for the year to get things in motion for our trip in September. Our main discussing was to get some initial dates for fundraisers. So far we have the following dates set, and there will be more information to follow about each of the events:

March 6	Texas Roadhouse
May 5	Chicken BBQ
May 19	Grocery Bingo
June 23	Chicken BBQ

So why go to Back Bay again? For those of us who participated in the first trip it was a very special experience. Except for our two youngest members, and our oldest member, the rest of us had never been on a mission trip before, so this was a chance for us to “step outside the box”, and our comfort zones. Over the 10 days of the trip we got to spend time with people from church who we knew, but who we got to know a lot better.

There are some who question why we’re going all the way to Mississippi when there is need here at home (we try our best to help with that need through our food pantry and other offerings we collect). This trip allows us to provide hands on support for a very worthwhile organization, one that is highly touted by the UCC, but receives no direct support from the denomination.

Making this journey also helps us as a congregation to see just what we are capable of doing, and it shows the York Association & Penn Central Conference how much a small church of dedicated members can do.

In 2016 we took 15 people and the overall cost was approximately \$11,000. The trip this year will cost close to \$14,000 for 15 people, mainly due to an increase in fees from Back Bay Mission. Through January 14<sup>th</sup> we raised \$2,623 – we are asking for your support to help us make this trip again. Please use the envelopes in the back of the pews to make you contributions – just write BBM on the envelope.

Currently we again have 15 people who are interested in going (ranging in age from 16 to 65), with the possibility of a few more going. And from reactions we received on our first trip, there are very few churches our size that have put together a group of volunteers this big for a trip like this.

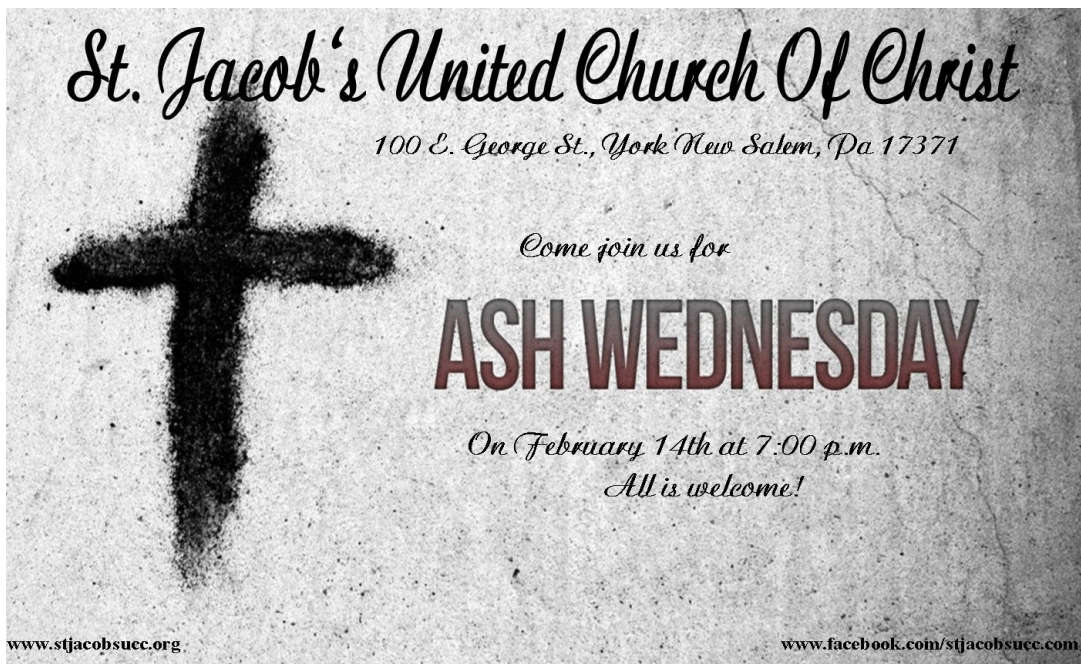
More updates on our progress will follow – if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask any of people who have signed up to go on the trip (the list is outside the choir room).

Thank you for your dedication and support,

Scott Becker

### 2018 Polar Bear Plunge

The 2018 Polar Bear Plunge for the York County Special Olympics is once again here! It will be Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the John Wright Building in Wrightsville. Although Corey Markle will not be plunging into the water this year, he is still collecting funds to support Special Olympics, please see Corey or his parents if you would like to donate.



### Homeless at Back Bay

**HELP!**

THE HOMELESS AT BACK BAY....during our trip to Back Bay, we discovered, as with many cities in our country, there is a considerable amount of homeless (many of which are veterans). These people are in need of personal items: (preferably small/trial size)

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|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Feminine hygiene pads | Kleenex      | Hand Lotion |
| Deodorant             | Toothbrushes | Brushes     |
| Shampoo               | Toothpaste   | Wet Wipes   |
| Soap                  | Combs        |             |

A storage bin has been placed in the area outside the sanctuary for donations. Thank you!!



## Exciting UPCOMING EVENTS

### Young at Heart—Tuesday, January 30th

The Young at Heart Group will meet at “Bob Evans” in West York on Tuesday, January 30th, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.—Year planning to follow. Weather Permitting.

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### Sweetheart Dance—Saturday, February 3rd

Grab your sweetie and come join us for our Sweetheart Dance on February 3rd from 5-8 pm sponsored by St. Jacob’s UCC, Boy Scout Troop # 97, and St. Jacob’s ELC. We will have a pasta dinner and a live band—Chris-Wick & The Hipbreakers—dancing to ‘50s & ‘60s music. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Have little ones at home and need child care services for the evening? St. Jacob’s ELC will have child care services available for an additional cost. The 1st child is \$20 and each additional child is \$15. The children will have fun things to do while mom & dad get some time to spend with each other! (Pre-registration is required for child care services). Call the church office, (717) 792-4326, today to reserve your tickets!

### Bingo—Saturday, February 10th

Join us on February 10th 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 \$22.00 or \$25.00 at the door. Ticket price includes a light meal of chicken corn soup, sandwiches, salads, dessert, snacks and beverages, a chance at door prizes, and 20 games of bingo. Also, if you bring a nonperishable item, you will receive a raffle ticket for each item you bring for a chance to win a Longaberger Basket. To reserve your ticket call the church office.



### Donut Social—Sunday, February 11th

Join us on Sunday, February 11th at 6:30 pm for our Donut Social! Come enjoy a delicious fasnacht donut and a fun evening of socializing!

### Movie Night—Thursday, February 23rd

Mark your calendars for our Free Movie Night on February 23rd. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the movie will start at 6:30 pm. There will be refreshments that include: hot dogs, popcorn, snacks, and drinks. Stay tuned for information on the movie that we will be showing.

### Soup Sale

We will be having our semi-annual Soup Sale soon of our delicious, homemade Chicken Corn Soup & Ham & Bean Soup! Both soups are just \$6 per quart (containers are provided)!

Order forms will be available on February 4th and all orders are due by March 3rd and soup will be available for pick-up on March 17th from 10am-Noon. Order forms can be turned into the “Young at Heart” mailbox in the church office. The proceeds will benefit the St. Jacob’s UCC Building Fund!

### Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, March 24th

On March 24th, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt starting at 11:00 am. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place rain or shine and is for ages starting at 1 year old up to 6th grade. There will be a special visit from the Easter Bunny and a snack that includes: hot dogs, chips, and punch! So mark you calendars and make sure you hop on by!

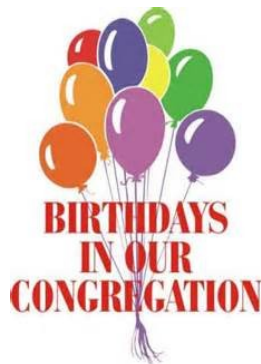


Newsletter articles for March due by February 16th.

## Special Dates

### February Birthdays

February 02 Andrew Eyster  
Kathy Landis  
Scott Markle  
February 06 Cassandra Buckheit  
February 08 Karl Hoffman  
Tom Kuhn  
Maralyn Yost  
February 09 Claude Rohrbaugh  
February 10 Corey Hamilton  
February 11 Jeff Hoke  
February 13 Shawna Walton  
February 16 Sarah Hoffman  
February 17 Hope Hinkle  
February 19 Lloyd Bubb  
February 20 Mahlon Bechtel  
February 21 Rev. Rick Stuempfle  
February 22 Chad Glatfelter  
February 24 Hilary Barley  
February 27 LouAnn Hoffman  
February 28 Janet Hengst



## P.U.S.H

### (Pray Until Something Happens)

- The family of Brandon G.
- Gary H.
- Barb H.
- Corey M. & Family
- Judy G.
- Claude R. & Family
- LeAnn S.
- Dave W.
- Cindy S.
- Denis A.W.
- The family of Keith W.
- Joyce R.
- Gwen R.
- Ricky F.
- Lois B.
- Mikey B.
- The family of Bonnie S.
- The family of Barb M.
- Chase R.
- Randy F.
- Louann H.
- Travis H.
- The family of Jeff G.
- Nicole S. & Liana
- Steve M.
- The family of Doc Lusk
- Kayden
- The family of Freda G.
- MaKayla
- Sandee
- The family of David J.



## 2018 Altar Guild Schedule

February – Hilary Barley & Lois Wakeland—Communion on the 14th & 18th  
March – Kathryn Forry & Heather Kuhn—Communion on the 29th  
April – Amy Meyer & Wendy Bubb—Communion on the 1st  
May – Doris Goodling & Lou Ann Markle— Communion on the 20th  
June – Mary Brungard & Janet Hengst  
July – Michele Harper & Gloria Markle—Communion on the 8th  
August – Cassandra Delaronde & Velinda Johnson  
September – Deneen Harbold & Dorine Hagarman  
October – Kimberly Starner & Heather Kuhn— Communion on the 7th  
November – Lynn & Scott Becker—Communion on the 4th  
December – Tom & Heather Kuhn— Communion on 2nd & 24th



# ALTAR GUILD

## Winter Worship

*Everyone is Welcome!*  
*Sunday School for Everyone at 9:15am*  
*Coffee/Tea Time 10:00-10:20am*  
*Sunday Worship begins at 10:30am*

# WORSHIP WITH US

*this winter*

*Winter Message Subjects*  
*Jan 14th - Feb 11th: Early Years of Jesus*  
*Feb 18th: 1st Sunday of Lent*



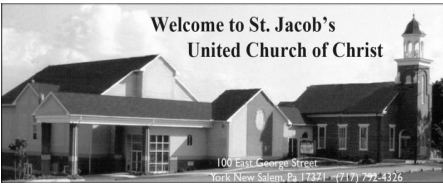
# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Choir 7:00 pm	2	3  Food Pantry 9-11am Sweetheart Dance 5-8pm
4	5 CDA Class 6:00 pm	6	7	8 Choir 7:00 pm	9 Bingo Setup	10 Basket Bingo 4:30pm
11 Donut Social 6:30 pm	12 CDA Class 6:00 pm	13	14 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm	15 Choir 7:00 pm	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17
18 Lenten Communion	19 CDA Class 6:00 pm Consistory 7:00 pm	20	21	22 Choir 7:00 pm	23 Movie Night: 6:30 pm	24
25	26 CDA Class 6:00 pm	27	28			

### Schedule of Events

- February 1—Choir 7:00 pm
- February 3—Food Pantry 9-11am
- February 5—ELC CDA Class 6:00 pm
- February 8—Choir 7:00 pm
- February 9—Bingo Setup
- February 10—Basket Bingo 4:30 pm
- February 11—Donue Social 6:30 pm
- February 12—ELC CDA Class 6:00 pm
- February 14—Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
- February 15—Choir 7:00 pm
- February 16—Newsletter Articles Due
- February 18—Lenten Communion
- February 19—ELC CDA Class 6:00 pm, Consistory 7:00 pm
- February 22—Choir 7:00 pm
- February 23—Movie Night 6:30 pm
- February 26—ELC CDA Class 6:00 pm





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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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