

# May Newsletter



St. Jacob's UCC

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Worship: Sundays at 10:30 am

You're invited to join us live on Facebook /

## Susan's Scribbles

Dear St. Jacob's family,

Spring is here as we celebrate the goodness of all of God's good creation and there is a spirit of wonder and awe in the beauty that surrounds us. May promises to be an exciting month for St Jacobs. I am looking forward to being installed as your settled pastor on May 16 and moving ahead into the future together, trusting that God through Christ, the Spirit and all of creation is calling us into a new day.

On May 2 we will have a time of planning following worship. Please plan on attending and bring your ideas to share. As part of my continuing education, I will be attending (Virtually) the Festival of Homiletics, which is an annual gathering of some of the countries best preachers from various backgrounds presenting workshops and excellent preaching. These classes will run May 17 through 21 and hopefully I will have some new skills to share with you following this study.

Another exciting opportunity for learning and growing together is set for Wed evening May 26 at 6 PM. The Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, Ph.D. Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Transitions with the Penn Central Conference will be with us to talk about moving forward and defining our mission and vision. Anyone who is involved in church leadership as well as anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

Sunday School will also be starting up again on May 2. Steve will begin classes at 9:15 in the fellowship hall. Using the Upper Room Devotional.

Also, please check out the summer camping brochures. Camping is not just for kids! There are family camps and even elder camps! I will be going to Camp Nawakwa in July for family camp (July 18-24) with my kids and grandkids. It is a great family vacation!

Your Sister in Christ,

Susan

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## Susan's Scribbles cont.

We would be glad to have you

### Pastor Susan's Installation

### At St Jacob's UCC

May 16, 2021 | 3 PM  
Services will be  
In-person and Facebook Live  
Light Meal to follow

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Please RSVP to the church office  
by May 9th  
email: [office@stjacobsucc.org](mailto:office@stjacobsucc.org)  
Phone: 717-792-4326

# PAINTING THE STARS

Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith



Our Special Offering

## This Month

### Sundays

May 2nd-	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
May 9th-	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
May 16th-	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
May 23rd-	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
May 30th-	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>

### Mark your Calendar!

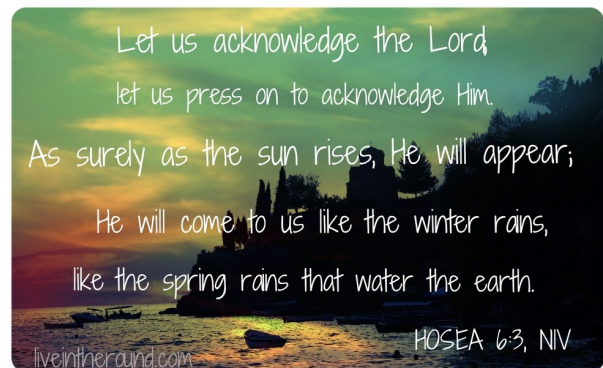
May 2nd-	<b>Sunday School Start-up</b>
May 13th-	<b>Ascension Day</b>
May 16th-	<b>Pastor Sue's Installation</b>
May 23rd-	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
May 30th-	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
	<b>Painting The Stars</b>

## From Our Consistory President

Welcome to Spring St. Jacobs,

We hope everyone has been able to enjoy the spring flowers that are blooming everywhere I don't know about you but seeing those flowers is so very uplifting reminding me of the beauty our Lord shows us each day. Our Sunday School class is starting on May 2nd at 9:15 on Sunday mornings we will not have coffee and treats during this time just yet. Then on May 16th we will be holding Pastor Susan's Installation in the afternoon we will host in our church and via Facebook for this event we would love for you to join us. Discussion on our Church Picnic is also going on watch for more information on this in the coming month or so. Vacation Bible School is already in the planning stages with our sister church St. Jacobs Lutheran both groups are so excited with the plans they are making.

Sincerely,  
Heather



If you have some free time and you would like to volunteer some of your free time helping with lawn work, we would love to have your help. Please see Scott Becker



## 2020 Altar Guild Schedule

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### 2021 Alter Guild Schedule



**May – Doris Goodling & Lou Ann Markle**

**June – Mary Brungard & Janet Hengst**

**July – Michele Harper & Dorine Hagarman**

**August – Sheryl Paules & Heather Kuhn**

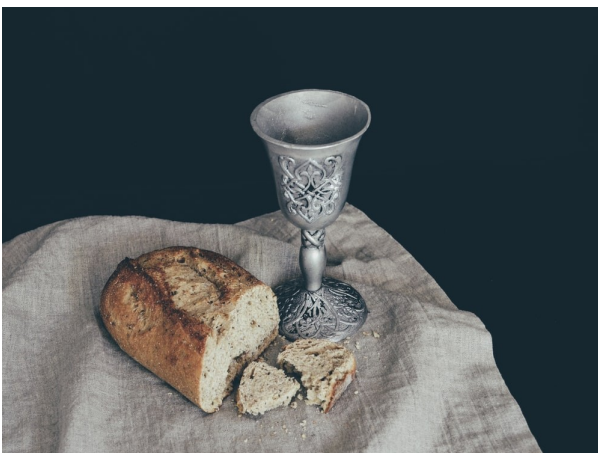
**September – Deneen Harbold & Dorine Hagarman**

**October – Kimberly Starner & Heather Kuhn**

**November – Kathryn Forry & Nancy McIntyre**

**December – Consistory**

“Thanks be unto God  
for His indescribable  
Gift.” Corinthians 9:15



Communion dates:

- May 2nd- the first Sunday of the month
- May 23rd - Pentacost

## Consistory Minutes

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### St. Jacob's Consistory Meeting 3/15/21

#### Consistory Meeting

Consistory members attending: Heather Kuhn (President), Kathryn Forry (Vice President), Scott Becker, Steve Reynolds and Deb Stough

Consistory members not attending: Pastor Susan, Emmalieg Hagarman and Wendell Harper

Other attendees: Eric Barley (Treasurer), Shanna Conrad (Admin Assistant) and Lloyd Bubb

6:23 With a quorum present the meeting was Called to Order by Heather

6:24 Eric goes into detail about treasurer's report. Reviewed any changes from previously distributed information for February, 2021.

6:27 Deb inquires as to whether there is an updated PA building occupancy certificate since the one posted on the bulletin board. Eric responds that no subsequent certificates have been received.

6:29 Motion to accept treasure's report by Kathryn, seconded by Scott. Motion passes unanimously.

6:30 ELC Minutes from March 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Shanna to add current and upcoming ELC events as part of Sunday bulletins.

6:33 Consistory minutes reviewed from February 21, 2021 meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as prepared by Kathryn, seconded by Deb. Motion passes unanimously.

6:38 Heather reported that H&H General Excavating had completed their work to reinstall soffit and edging pieces from the south end of Fellowship Hall and install a new piece of covering at our covered entrance way. H&H also checked that soffit and edging pieces were secure around the perimeter of Fellowship Hall. During H&H's work one section of sidewalk was damaged.

The proposal from Keep It Simple, Hanover, PA for other repairs around the property were discussed. Tim, the proprietor of Keep It Simple will meet with Scott and Eric to review his plan for bell tower repairs and refurbishment.

6:40 Reviewed the mechanics regarding the upcoming Easter Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Pancakes, sausages, applesauce and orange juice will be distributed along with a children's Easter story, plastic eggs with candy/prizes inside from 8:30 – 10:30 Saturday 04/03/2021. The cost is \$5.00 per meal.

## Consistory Minutes

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6:48 Deb was able to obtain a large quantity of craft supplies as well as items to be given away with dinners, etc. at no charge. Items included materials that will be used by our ELC, children's Sunday School and possibly Vacation Bible School. Motion to disburse a \$75 donation to the family that provided all of these supplies proposed by Kathryn, seconded by Scott. Motion passed unanimously. Note, our ELC will be making a donation as well.

6:55 Other items of New Business:

Report from the Pastoral Relations Committee who met Sunday 03/14/2021,

Scott announced that the planned Back Bay Mission trip is being postponed until 9/2022,

Suggestion made that a smaller wooden cross in our sanctuary during the Easter Season might be more appropriate,

Steve expressed his eagerness to again hold Sunday School classes Sunday mornings. There were no objections to beginning classes again shortly after Easter although initially there would be no food or beverages available,

Following yesterday's Installation of new consistory members, the re-organization of our Consistory is in order.

Motion for Heather as President by Kathryn, Deb seconds, motion passes unanimously,

Motion for Kathryn as Vice-President by Scott, Deb seconds, motion passes unanimously,

Motion for Shanna as Secretary by Heather, Steve seconds, motion passes unanimously,

Motion for Eric as Treasurer by Scott, Kathryn seconds, motion passes unanimously,

Motion for Lorrie Bechtel as Financial Secretary by Kathryn, Deb seconds, motion passes unanimously

7:33 Upcoming events and announcements were noted:

Planning meeting 4/18/2021 after church,

Installation for Pastor Susan: May 16, 2021, 3:00 pm in-person and virtually,

Newsletter information needs to be to Shanna by the third Thursday of the month,

The church's wi-fi capabilities need to be updated and strengthened. This will involve the purchase of new routers and related equipment so that strong signals are available throughout our facility.

7:55 An addition item of new business:

Deb motions to move monthly consistory meetings to the third Sunday after church rather than holding those meetings the third Monday evening of the month. It is hoped that since Consistory meetings are open to all members of St. Jacob's UCC that this schedule change will be a more convenient time for Congregation members to attend, if they would like to do so. Scott seconds the motion which passes unanimously.

8:03 Lloyd asks several questions regarding St. Jacob's Constitution and Bylaws. During the discussion it was clarified that a 2/3rds or 66% affirmative vote is necessary to change our bylaws. Also mentioned was the need to re-establish a Stewardship committee.

8:50 There being no further discussions or actions needed a Kathryn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb seconds and the motion passed unanimously.

## ELC Board Meeting Agenda 4.6.2021

- Treasurer's Report
- o Good turn out on Sub Sale Fundraiser - Church will receive their proceeds.
- o Church will be reimbursing ELC for Worker's Comp payment.
- o Staff
- o Actively hiring new employees
- o Enrollment
- o Drop-In Services
- ✦ We have a family who inquired about drop-in services – we will not be providing that service.
- ✦ STARS
- o Rapid Response Team
- ✦ Classroom Observations
- ✦ Meeting w/ Rep to discuss this year's renewal in the Fall.
- ✦ Fundraisers /Events
- o Miller's Plants- Due this Friday April 9th; Pick-up April 28th
- o Chili Giveaway - went well!
- o Pre-K Graduation – Seeking approval to have Pre-K graduation in the Sanctuary. It will be the Pre-K Class and staff members as we will record the ceremony and send to families.
- o Curriculum
- o Added a Social & Emotional Curriculum for Preschool and Pre-K
- o Bookcases in Conference Room
- o Ordering new bookcases to replace the older current ones (lighter wood book cases) as the shelves are bending. Replacement will be similar to the cherry wood bookcases that are in there.
- o Next meeting

Tuesday, May 4th, 2021

**St. Jacob's UCC**

Treasurer's information and notes

March, 2021 receipt and disbursement reports

March's offerings and receipts for our General and Building accounts came to 55.6% of budgeted amounts. The result is that our 2021 year-to-date surplus was about cut in half from where we stood just last month. When comparing offerings to last year's year-to-date totals, keep in mind that last year in-person services were suspended 3/15, 3/22 and 3/29. Our operating cash balances declined during the course of March, 2021. While no amounts were transferred from savings during March some transfers may be required during April.

Additional items to note from the prepared reports:

**General account:**

- Our final payment for the season was made to JDG Landscaping for parking lot snow plowing and ice treatment services for work performed 2/18, 2/19 and 2/22, check #9432,
- Disbursements include payment to H&H General Excavating Co., Inc., check # 9440 for \$329.00 for the mulch that was spread the last Saturday in March and check #9447 for \$1,980.00 to replace missing pieces of soffit and other coverings missing from the south side of our Fellowship Hall and under the covered entrance way. Remaining soffit, roof rain gutters and other coverings were also checked that the pieces were properly secured around our Fellowship Hall. The amount paid equaled the price estimated to perform this work.

**Building account:**

- The interest rate on the church's savings account was lowered effective April 01, 2021 to 0.15% per annum from the previous 0.20% rate in effect since last December 18<sup>th</sup>,
- Easter bunnies collected \$443.00 as drive through breakfasts were served March 27<sup>th</sup>,
- Representatives from Stewart & Tate General Construction (this is the firm that acquired Richard D. Poole) were on site April 8<sup>th</sup> to view the damage caused in our Fellowship Hall by last month's wind event. The plan is to examination the structural soundness this portion of our building and to undertake necessary cosmetic repairs by having installing flexible joints where separation has occurred.

**Benevolence account:**

- No disbursements were made during March, 2021. Offerings during March included \$111.00 for the Mission of the Month. There was no designated March, 2020 mission distribution.

**Early Learning Center:**

- Net resources available increased approximately \$7,200 from the month before as tuition support reimbursements from Child Care Consultants for the period December, 2020 through February, 2021 were more than expected,
- Last month's newly hired full-time staff member has just taken a position in the health care field and will be leaving,

Any questions, please let me know, either [ebarley@abelconst.com](mailto:ebarley@abelconst.com) or 717-792-2402.

Thank you,

Eric



## From Your Treasurer's Desk

**ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
GENERAL FUND  
MARCH 31, 2021**

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		RECEIPTS		
		DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
BALANCE FEBRUARY 28, 2021	\$5,482.78			
RECEIPTS:				
OFFERINGS AND RECEIPTS	4,085.00	03/07/21	WEEKLY RECEIPT	\$4,851.00
EARLY LEARNING CENTER		03/14/21	WEEKLY RECEIPT	628.00
SHARED EXPENSES	3,500.00	03/21/21	WEEKLY RECEIPT	1,311.00
DISBURSEMENTS:				
PAYMENTS MADE	(11,903.86)	03/28/21	WEEKLY RECEIPT	795.00
			TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,585.00
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BALANCE MARCH 31, 2021	\$1,163.92			

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCES: \$21,640.55  
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**BILLS TO PAY:**

DEFERRED EMPLOYER SHARE OF FICA TAX 2ND HALF OF 2020. 1/2 PAYABLE 12/31/2021, 1/2 PAYABLE 12/31/2022. CARES ACT PROVISION - REFER TO SVGS. ACCT. BAL.	\$11,640.55
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Memo: Cash checking balance was \$5,191.29 as of Dec. 31, 2020 with no obligations to be paid. Savings account balance of \$11,640.55 equals the 2020 employer deferred FICA obligations to be paid in the future.

### DISBURSEMENTS

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR THE LISTING OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH

### OTHER INFORMATION

**DARLA SPRINGER / LENA GINGERICH  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:**

MATURITY DATE	INSTITUTION	PRINCIPAL BALANCE	INT. RATE %	BALANCE AS OF
06/14/2021	NORTHWEST SAVGS	\$1,329.87	0.75	08/2020
07/26/2021	PEOPLES BANK	6,420.75	0.90	11/26/20
09/24/2021	PEOPLES BANK	12,799.11	0.75	12/13/20
06/16/2022	SANTANDER	1,646.36	0.50	08/28/20
	TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$22,196.09		

## From Your Treasure's Desk

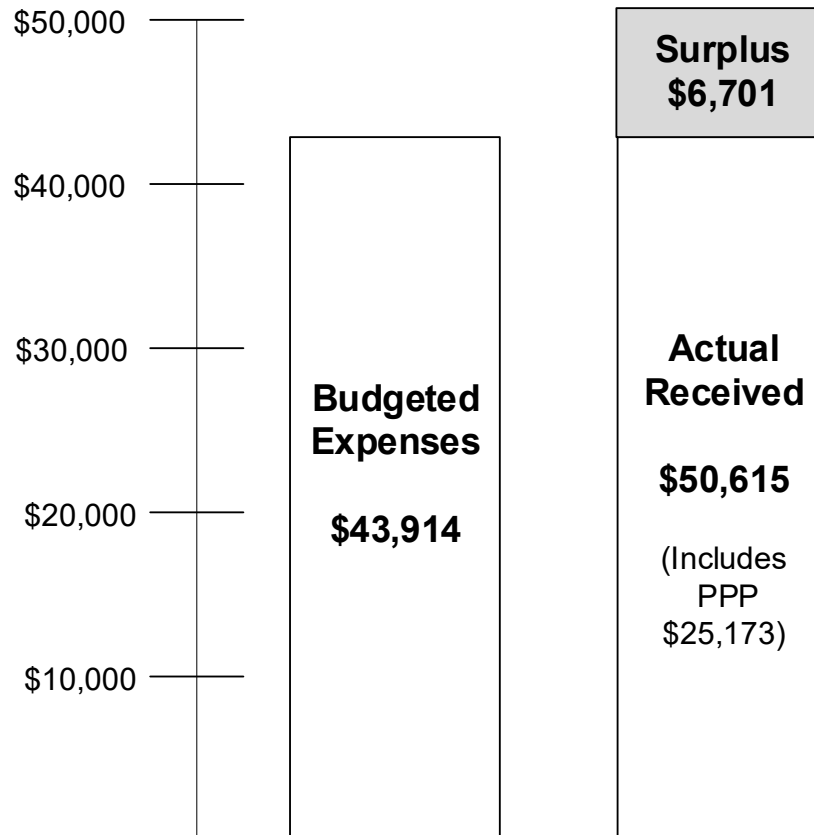
### March 2021 Budget Update (Combined General and Building Funds)

The chart below shows a simplified over view of our budget numbers for the first three months of 2021.

The numbers through the end of March showed a combined surplus in the General and Building Funds of \$6,701 between budgeted expenses and actual offerings since funds were forgiven from our first Paycheck Protection Program loan. This surplus decreased \$5,769 from last month. Note; without taking the forgiven funds into consideration we would have shown a year-to-date shortfall of about (\$18,472). No amounts have yet been transferred from savings during 2021 to cover expenses.

## Budget Numbers for March 2021

**Covers 13 Sundays  
Combined General and Building Funds**



## From Your Treasurer's Desk

ST. JACOB'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
GENERAL FUND  
MARCH 31, 2021

### DISBURSEMENTS FOR MARCH, 2021

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DATE	CHECK NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
03/06/21	9432	JDG LANDSCAPING - 02/18, 02/19 AND 02/22 PLOW AND ICE MELT	\$800.00
03/06/21	----	REPUBLIC SERVICES - TRASH REMOVAL, MARCH, 2021	194.11
03/12/21	9433	SHANNA L CONRAD - ADMIN ASSISTANT - 02/22/21 - 03/07/21, 41.0 HOURS	406.31
03/12/21	9434	MICHELE L HARPER - CUSTODIAN - 02/22/2021 - 03/07/2021, 7.25 HRS.	73.27
03/12/21	9435	ROBERT M KNAPER - DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - 03/01/2021 - 03/14/2021	500.99
03/12/21	9436	REVEREND SUSAN DHEEDENE - 03/01/2021 - 03/14/2021	1,105.91
03/12/21	9437	REVEREND SUSAN DHEEDENE - REIMBURSEMENTS AUTO \$100.00, HEALTH \$200.00	300.00
03/12/21	----	FEDERAL EFT - 03/12/2021 FED'L P/R W/H'S \$2,244.99, P/R TAXES \$1,161.68	3,406.67
03/12/21	----	PA EFT - 03/12/2021 STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS	508.77
03/12/21	----	ST JACOB'S UCC ELC REIMBURSEMENT FOR P/R WITHHOLDINGS AND TAXES 03/12/2021	(3,509.82)
03/12/21	----	MET ED - ELECTRIC - 02/04/2021 - 03/04/2021, 5,737 KWH	507.03
03/12/21	----	YORK WATER - 01/22/2021 - 02/22/2021, 6,000 GALLONS	91.88
03/15/21	9438	MILLERS PLANT FARM - 24 EASTER FLOWERS	210.00
03/18/21	9439	ELLIOT MARADEN - DONATION FOR CRAFT SUPPLIES RECEIVED	75.00
03/24/21	9440	H&H GENERAL EXCAVATING CO., INC. - 12 CUBIC YARDS OF MULCH DELIVERED 03/26/21	329.00
03/26/21	9441	SHANNA L CONRAD - ADMIN ASSISTANT - 03/08/21 - 03/21/21, 38.0 HOURS	469.33
03/26/21	9442	MICHELE L HARPER - CUSTODIAN - 03/08/2021 - 03/21/2021, 2.0 HRS.	20.21
03/26/21	9443	ROBERT M KNAPER - DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - 03/15/2021 - 03/28/2021	500.99
03/26/21	9444	REVEREND SUSAN DHEEDENE - 03/15/2021 - 03/28/2021	1,105.91
03/26/21	9445	REVEREND SUSAN DHEEDENE - REIMBURSEMENTS AUTO \$100.00, HEALTH \$200.00	300.00
03/26/21	---	FEDERAL EFT - 03/26/2021 FED'L P/R W/H'S \$2,247.47, P/R TAXES \$1,176.16	3,423.63
03/26/21	---	PA EFT - 03/26/2021 STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS	514.61
03/26/21	---	ST JACOB'S UCC ELC REIMBURSEMENT FOR P/R WITHHOLDINGS AND TAXES 03/26/2021	(3,557.96)
03/31/21	9446	BFPE INTERNATIONAL - 02/24/2021 FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION/SERVICE	53.10
03/31/21	----	COLUMBIA GAS - 02/19/2021 - 03/22/2021, 849 THERM	1,103.86
03/31/21	9447	H&H GENERAL EXCAVATING CO., INC. - FELLOWSHIP HALL/COVERED ENTRANCE SOFFIT REPAIRS	1,980.00
03/31/21	---	COMCAST - 03/23/2021 - 04/22/2021	355.13
03/31/21	9448	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION - PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE 03/01/21 - 05/31/21	597.77
03/31/21	9449	ST. JACOB'S UCC BUILDING ACCOUNT - SUNDAY OFFERINGS - MARCH, 2021, \$2,608.00, \$750 STILL DU	-----
03/31/21	9450	ST. JACOB'S UCC BENEVOLENCE ACCT - SUNDAY OFFERINGS - MARCH, 2021, \$389.00	-----
03/31/21	9451	THE UPPER ROOM - DAILY DEVOTIONAL MARCH/APRIL, 2021, 24 COPIES AT \$1.60 EACH	38.16
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$11,903.86

## From the Desk of the Church Historian

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### Some Early Church History – First Reformed Congregation Communion

Continuing from last month's article – by the fall of 1862 there were both a Lutheran and a Reformed congregation at St. Jacob's'. The first recorded communion for the Reformed congregation was held on October 12, 1862 with the Rev. Jacob Kame (Kehm) serving as the pastor, 22 members were in attendance.

Cornelius Bair	Melvina Kline
Catharine Bair	Granvill Kling
Mary Bubb	Caroline Lau
Susanah Dietz	Charles Meiser
John Gable	Calinora M. Meiser
Gertroud Geable	Christian Neff
Margaret Geable	Amanda Riechart
Levi B. Hoffman	Catharine Shelley
Elizabeth Hoffman	Levi Smuck
John Keener	Caroline Smuck
Mary Keener	Jacob Kame - Pastor
Elizabeth Kerchner	

### A Brief Lesson in Pennsylvania Dutch

(Courtesy of the Codorus Valley Chronicles the newsletter of the Codorus Valley Area Historical Society)

#### Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch Schul

Can you talk Dutch? = Kannst du Deitsch Schwetze? [conscht due dietch shvetza]

Sit down = Hock Dich Anne! [huck dikh onna]

Are you thirsty? = Bischt Du Daschdich [bisht due dosh-dikh]

## Prayer Chain & Special Dates

To add prayer concerns, contact Lorrie Bechtel

Phone 717-818-4726

may call or text me or email [lorrieriley@comcast.net](mailto:lorrieriley@comcast.net)

Larry H

Earl W

Dennis G Family

Josh H

Claude R

Greg S

Drena B

Valarie W

Fred H

Nancy

George S

Tom K

### May Birthdays

**16th- Rachel Forry**

**17th- Benjamin Goodling**

**21st- Kim Criswell**

**23rd- Tim Hinkle**

### May Anniversaries

**2nd- Leon & Jennifer Senft**

**4th- Mike & Connie Miller**

**10th- James & Margaret Murray**

**23rd- Corey & Merissa Hamilton**

**24th- Jeff & Stacy Wagaman**

**25th- Jay & Linda Claycomb**



Lord, we pray for our  
friends today.

FamilyRosary.org

*"Do everything in love"*

*1 Corinthians 16:14*

## St. Jacob's United Church of Christ

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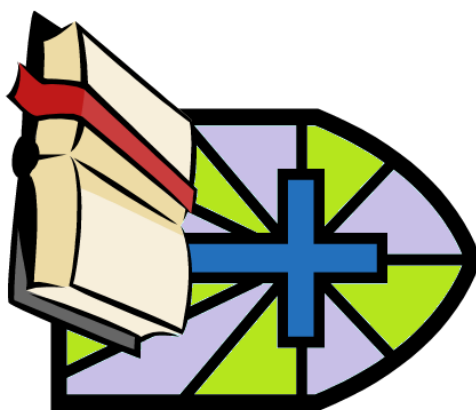
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### **St. Jacob's Mission Statement**

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.