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Dear Members and Friends,

What is the meaning of “church?” Phonetically, it comes from the Latin word, *kyrios*, which means “Belonging to the Lord.” However, in the Bible, it translates from the Greek, “*ekklesia*” which means, “called-out for a purpose.” The word was used in ancient Roman times to designate times when in the towns and villages, people were “called out” to a central location so they could be made aware of a new proclamation or ruling coming from authorities. What it means for the ancient and modern church is that we are “called-out” from the secular world to hear and proclaim the gospel. The “gospel,” meaning “good news,” is the announcement to the world that God has come to us, shared in our humanity by way of Jesus Christ (including the violent part of humanity), and offered us a way of salvation through the Holy Spirit’s gift of new life. Our spirit blends with God’s spirit in order to save us, ultimately, for eternal life.

Therefore, we the “church” are, by definition, called to be proclaimers of that gospel to all the towns and villages we can visit. This is what we call “The Great Commission” of Matthew 25:18-20. Jesus commands his disciples to go and tell everyone about his ministry here. That is how the church came into being and that is how God envisions us as the church. When we become distracted in other things, (God called them idols) we are not following the plan of God.

An announcement: A new and exciting thing is happening at JUCC! With the agreement of consistory, I have formed a visioning team at JUCC. Certain members have agreed to serve on the Visioning Team *for this purpose: To envision how God might want our church congregation to work out our plan for ministry and mission for the next 5-10 years.* This congregation has not done this since 2007 and so we are revisiting the process. The Visioning Team members will be asking as many of you as possible how you see our church fulfilling the purposes of God moving forward at JUCC. It will include any ideas about the current building plan, posted on our back bulletin board. Please think about it, listen, and when asked, please kindly respond.

Stay faithful, and see you in church!

Pastor Kathryn

Message from your Consistory President
Andrea Lazicki
July 2017

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 American Standard Version (ASV)

3 For everything there is a season, and a time for every ^[a]purpose under heaven: **2** a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; **3** a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; **4** a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; **5** a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; **6** a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; **7** a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; **8** a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

Wow, does that scripture reading tell us a lot!

Every time a major change is taking place in my life that passage comes to mind. I can officially say I'm through the season of raising children. I loved every minute, maybe not every minute, but most of them, and I look back with fondness! Now I look forward with hope and joy as Steve and I anticipate our first grandchild in the fall. Wow, "for everything there is a season..."

Here at Jerusalem UCC we're also experiencing change and growth. Our visioning team works together with Pastor Kathryn to pray, plan, prepare, explore possibilities for our future. Please seek out a visioning team member and kindly share ideas. We're all in this together!

Our committees and many members and friends continue to work diligently and with dedication to care for each other and our community. Our committees continue to construct and clean up our church and church grove. We reach out to the community sharing God's love in tangible ways. We're doing God's work day to day, and in many wonderful ways.

Please look over the July and August calendar for details of dates and times of our many activities. We journey on together through the seasons of our lives ... We are a blessed and busy church!

Blessings and Peace ~~

Andrea

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

VBS/Arts and Sport Jamboree will be held July 24th through July 27th from 6pm to 8pm, with a closing program at the 9 am service on July 30th. A Family Carnival will take place after the service complete with games, food, and prizes. VBS will be held in the Grove, weather permitting. It is open to children ages 2-12 and we will have activities based on the “Fruit of the Spirit”. Children 2-4 will be with Miss Judy and Miss Rachael. A parent/grandparent must accompany the child during VBS. The 5-12 year old children will be supervised by adults with the assistance of youth helpers. All of our VBS adults have had a background check. All sorts of games, arts & crafts, pastor Kathryn time and music will teach the concepts of the “Fruit of the Spirit” which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and self-control. There is no charge for your child to attend VBS, and we hope to have many children as we learn of God’s love through Jesus. Please contact Marcia Heinick at mheinick@ptd.net if you have any questions. If you are interested in helping with VBS, we will direct you on how to obtain your clearances.

We will continue with Sunday Church School and the nursery all summer long. The children will be taught some parables used by Jesus in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Godspell, which will be performed in August, is a musical based on these parables so the children will have a better understanding of what they see during the show. After VBS, we will spend more time focusing on the “Fruit of the Spirit”, to reinforce or introduce the concepts.

I am pleased to announce that Jessie Hunt, Natalie Bojko, and Shelly Wonderly will be joining our current team of teachers for the upcoming Sunday School year. We are so excited and blessed to have them on board! We would like to thank Kelli George, Jen Ortiz, and Gail Fisher for their time and talents in educating our children. We are so fortunate to have Steph Anderson, Lana Kuehner, Beverly Waibel, Wendy Hoppel, Lisa Williams, Denise Goodhile, Judy Hessinger, Rachael Shafer, James Sarandis, Missy Waibel, Bob Fahringer, Jessie Hunt, and Terry Goodhile as our teachers and helpers. Our children, youth and adults are in great hands with these extraordinary individuals.

Enjoy your summer and many blessings!

Marcia Heinick



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
CLOSING CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

CHURCH PICNIC IN THE GROVE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH

GROVE SERVICE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH



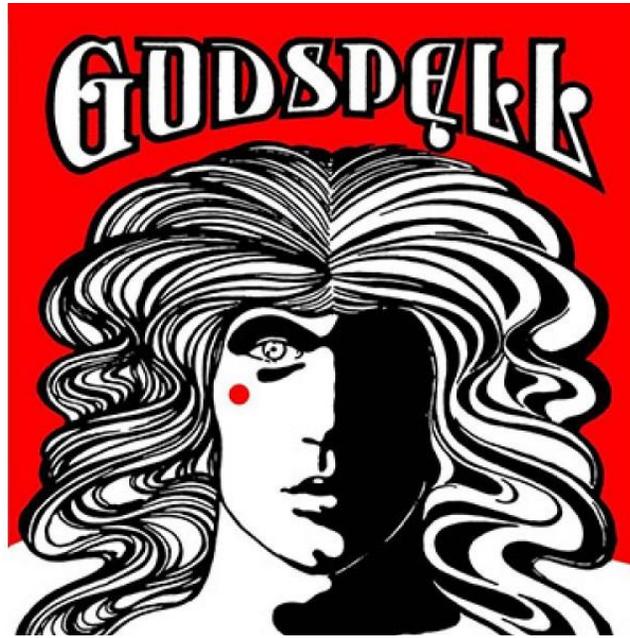
PICNIC TIME IS ALMOST HERE!

Our Annual Church Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 5th from 12pm to 9pm. Won't you please donate an item for the Picnic Raffle? Thanks so much to all who have donated in the past. We have always been blessed with great prizes and look forward to another great year! If you would like some new ideas ~ here are a few...



... Handmade crocheted or embroidered items, hand crafted wood items, cash, gift cards & gift certificates to local business, restaurants and stores. Outdoor items are also welcome such as lawn chairs, potted plants or patio items. Please see Wendy Hoppel in church or call and leave a message at 610-377-5946 or call the church office at 610-681-4412.





In our church grove @ 545 Church Drive, Palmerton

Fri. Aug. 11th & Sat. Aug. 12th

(Rain Date: Sun. Aug. 13th)

Fri. 18th & Sat. Aug. 19th

(Rain Date: Sun. Aug. 20th)

FREE ADMISSION!! Begins at 7pm

*Free-will offering will be collected and refreshments sold
to defray costs & raise funds for the church
& the American Cancer Society*

SOME SEATING IS AVAILABLE - BRING A CHAIR!

Call 610-681-4412 for more info or email juccsecy@ptd.net

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“...pray for one another, so that you may be healed.” (James 5:13)
“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing...” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)
As disciples of Jesus, we seek to pray daily.
Below is a list of those who need our prayers.

Shorter term prayer concerns:

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| Bob Buck | Barry Smale | Melissa Fronheiser |
| Jim Hessinger | Anna Bowman | Skip Hannon |
| Alverta Strohl | Edward Mertz | Dolores George |
| Shawn Everett | Lois Beer | Lori George |
| Gerald Hawk | Donna Deihl | Dennis Smith |
| Sherry Bush | Michael Addotta | Margaret Green |
| Grace Rehrig | Patricia Anthony | Steve Yahner |
| Sherri Jacobs | Megan Fredericks | Judy Hessinger |

Longer term prayer concerns:

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| Jim Behler | John Maliszewski | Jim Buck |
| Paula Gower | Raymond Hawk | Orpha Shaffer |
| Kayla Johnson | Bonnie O’Brien | Leon Smale |
| Barbara Koltun | Dalton Fredericks | Jillian Hessinger & family |
| Janet Snyder | | |



REGISTER RECEIPTS



Please continue to save your register receipts from Kinsley's Shop Rite in Brodheadsville and Weis Markets. Last year, receipts were down from prior years, so consider requesting receipts from your neighbors and friends. Bring or mail them to the church to the attention of Lana Kuehner.

Receipts that will *not* be accepted include:

- Kinsley's receipts with the senior discounts, prescriptions, cigarettes, and beer.
- Weis Markets receipts with prescriptions, cigarettes and beer.



FROM THE JUCC NURSERY...
ONE OF OUR THREE YEAR OLDS
WALKED INTO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
GREETED MISS JUDY SAYING...
"GOOD MORNING MRS. CHURCH!
OUR CHILDREN



COMING TO CHURCH!

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Jerusalem UCC Sports/Arts Jamboree/VBS is back again evenings from July 24-27, 2017 from 6pm-8pm. Please note that we will not have VBS on Friday July 28. As before, we are trying to tailor the fun to go with each child's gifts, talents, learning styles and preferences!

The theme for this Jamboree/ VBS (vacation bible school) is "The Fruit of the Spirit." This program is free of charge to children from age 2 through 12 years old. The 2-4 year old program **requires a parent to accompany the child and be responsible for that child during the evening

The 5-12 year old group will play sports/games and/or crafts/arts such as painting, crafting, along with music and a message about the "Fruit of the Spirit", which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Children can choose sports OR arts during each activity. The 2-4 year old group will do crafts, play games and sing songs.

The program is scheduled: 6:00pm-6:40pm activities; 6:45pm-7:15pm snacks with music and message; 7:20pm- 8:00pm activities. We will have a Jamboree "showcase" presentation for family members on Sunday July 30th at the 9:00 am church service. Then we hope to present a family "carnival" with the children, immediately following the service, complete with games, food and prizes!

It should be lots of fun! The flyer is enclosed with the registration form/release on the inside. Email registration forms to either address above. We appreciate early registration, but if you can't please come early to avoid delays. We look forward to hearing from you!

May God bless you and your family!

Pastor Kathryn

Rev. Kathryn Foster
Pastor

Jerusalem United Church of Christ
Permissions and Registration for Sports/Arts Jamboree - Ages 2-12

July 24-July 27, and July 30, 2017

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade Entering _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text? YES ___ NO ___ Home Ph. _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

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Allergies or other medical conditions _____

Any medical or special needs _____

I consent for photos or recordings of my child to be used in the church public website, social media, or print publications: YES _____ NO _____

Dismissal Information (Names of persons who may pick up child if other than parent):

Names _____ Relationship: _____

I give permission for my above-named child to participate in the Jerusalem United Church of Christ Sports and Arts Jamboree as listed above. In the event of sickness or medical emergency and

I cannot be contacted, I request that my child receive medical treatment as deemed necessary by the program staff. I will be responsible for all expenses incurred by such treatment. While reasonable care is taken to guard against injury, I understand accidents can happen; therefore, I hereby release Jerusalem United Church of Christ and its staff and contributors from responsibility for any injury or liability incurring from my child's participation in this activity.

Signature of parent or guardian _____

The program is *free of charge*, and there is no deadline for registration. Please forward to:
Jerusalem United Church of Christ, 545 Church Drive, Palmerton, PA 18071

For more information: juccsecy@ptd.net or (610) 681-4412