

# The Traveler

God  
is still  
speaking,



## March 2018

### JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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**The Vision of our Church is to increase Faith, Hope,  
Love, Community and Belonging.**

#### **Church Staff**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kathryn Foster  
Office Hours: By Appointment

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Office Hours: Tue. thru Fri. 9 a.m. – 1 PM  
*(hours subject to change)*

**Director of Music:** Shelba Scheffner  
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Dear Members and Friends,

What kind of a world do we live in? Peaceful? Caring? Yeah, sometimes; but often, not. We have many problems. To whom do we turn to for answers? Do people admit wrong doing anymore? Do our frail self-concepts not allow us to feel guilty? Is it that we feel guilty but think we can hide it? When the Israelites were in the wilderness, God was tough on wrong behavior. Poisonous snakebites, huge bottomless sinkholes, rotten food, skin diseases... to say a few. Only some of the people would repent of their sins. Numbers 21:7 tells of the people going to Moses and repenting. Many pastors will give you this advice, “Don’t look to the ways of the world for wisdom, look to God” – and specifically, God’s word in the Bible.

God’s wisdom is to love and care for ALL people... “Go ye therefore and preach the Gospel to all nations.” Our visioning process underscored that goal for our church. There are so many competing things to do in this world. I do not think this was ever any different. People always had the need to support their families and themselves; they always tried to find some free time to have fun.

If we want to live in a peaceful and loving world, God has clearly told us that WE have to make that happen. Yes, God will help, (and has!) but we have a large part in making that happen. Do you have arguments with friends and neighbors? Do our kids have problems with bullying? Our church’s vision is to love, support and care for one another both inside and outside the church. We must look to God’s Word for direction and actively tell people that God is where wisdom resides, and the Gospel, the Good News of God’s salvation, is key to that wisdom.

John 3:21 says this: Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God.” Love God and Love People. It is that simple.

I wish you all a blessed and fruitful Lenten season.

See you in church!

*Pastor Kathryn*

**MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT**  
**MARCH 2018**

I am writing this message on Friday night, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, before the congregational vote on our Church building improvements.

Obviously, at this time I have no idea of the outcome of the votes on the two separate proposals. I do, however, know that among our membership there are many strong and emotional opinions on both sides of the proposals. While it is often difficult to understand opposing positions, as Christians, God does expect us to love and respect one another.

It is my hope and prayer that we are all able to come together and find the direction for our church's ministry. We need to be mindful that it is God's will, not thine be done.

I will end with two scripture passages that I trust will be meaningful:

Hebrews: 12-15: See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.

Leviticus: 19-18: Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the Lord.

*Peace Be With You!*

*Ed Brader*  
*Consistory President*





**“YOUTH REASON TOGETHER”**

The JUCC youth group, newly named "Youth Reason Together", aka YRT, has kicked off 2018 and has a full schedule of events and activities planned! Monthly meetings are set for the last Sunday of every month, from 6-7:30PM (dinner provided). In these meetings, our young people (grades 7-12) can find support among each other, the leaders, and with God as our guide. Upcoming events include:

- 2/24/18: Snow Tubing at Blue Mountain (3-6PM)
- 2/25/18: Monthly YRT @ JUCC (6-7:30PM)
- 3/16/18: St Patrick's Day Party @ JUCC (6-9PM)
- 3/25/18: Monthly YRT @ JUCC (6-7:30PM)

Friends are always welcome! Any questions, please contact Jessie Walters (484)358-6720, or send an email to [juccyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:juccyouthgroup@gmail.com)



**55 & ALIVE FOR LADIES!**

This is our first get together!  
We'll be meeting on Tuesday  
March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am  
in the large Sunday School Room. Bring a bag lunch – coffee, tea and water will be provided.  
We'll discuss activities that we would like to do.  
Hope to see you there!!



**IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME AGAIN!**

Trying to keep warm on these cold winter nights? Think about volunteering your time to our Summer Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marcia Heinick or Pastor Kathryn.

**IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY!**





We are pleased to announce that  
 Mason George and Logan Kresge  
 have achieved their Eagle Scout Awards!  
**CONGRATULATIONS ON A  
 JOB WELL DONE!**



*“...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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|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Barry Smale      | Judy Hessinger    | Anna Bowman     |
| Dolores George   | Grace Arnold      | Susan Ziegenfus |
| Family of J. Erb | Edna Strausberger | Lillian Binder  |

**Longer term prayer concerns:**

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| John Lawrence              | Jim Buck    | Orpha Shaffer            |
| Kayla Johnson              | Peg Zeiser  | Bonnie O’Brien           |
| Bob Buck                   | Gerald Hawk | Dalton Fredericks        |
| Jim Hessinger              | Terry Cope  | The Family of Leon Smale |
| Jillian Hessinger & Family |             |                          |



**MARCH SCRIPTURE READERS**  
 March 4 – Jessie Walters  
 March 11 – The Girl Scouts  
 March 18 – Deb Cope  
 March 25 – Kim Williams

**MARCH FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS**

- March 4 – Rick & Lisa Williams in honor of their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 7<sup>th</sup>
- March 11 – Matthew Binder in honor of Grandmother Doris Behler’s Birthday on March 10<sup>th</sup>
- March 18 – Carolyn & Robert Hill in memory of Irene, Elmer & Kenneth Hoppes
- March 25 – Matthew Binder in memory of Grandfather James Behler’s birthday



**OPEN DATES FOR FLOWERS & BULLETINS**

The following dates are still open for sponsoring the Sunday Bulletins and flowers for the altar:

July 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ July 29<sup>th</sup> ~ August 19<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Deb Cope at 610-681-5033 to sponsor on one of these dates!



**MARCH GREETERS**

- March 4 – Carolyn & Robert Hill
- March 11 – Girl Scout Sunday
- March 18 – Mildred Ahner & Wendy Hoppel
- March 25 – Denise & Terry Goodhile



**Easter Filling Sale**

\$6.00 for a 2 lb. container

\$12.00 for a 5lb. container

*Orders will be taken from February 25<sup>th</sup> until March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018*

*Pick up at church March 18<sup>th</sup> or March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*after worship service*

*(between 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)*

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*To order, call (610) 377-4936 or contact the church office: 610-681-4412*



**Don't Miss**



**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**  
 March 11<sup>th</sup> is Girl Scout Sunday.  
 The girls will be greeting that morning and  
 will also do the scripture reading.  
 We will have a special offering for the scouts.  
 There will be an envelope in the bulletin  
 for this offering.



**2018 CALENDAR**

The following are JUCC's dates for hosting families  
 along with Jerusalem Lutheran:

- May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup>
- August 12<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>
- November 11<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>

**8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL "BUDDY OF COLTON" DINNER DANCE**  
**Fighting for a Cure for PKD**  
**In Memory of Colton Waibel**

To be held on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm – 10pm at the Franklin Township Fire Company, 2440 Fairyland Road, Lehighon. Doors open at 4 pm. Buffet Dinner is served at 5 pm followed by entertainment by Magician Tom Yurasits; music by Best of Times DJ, and a Chinese Auction. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by calling 610-377-3611 or email: [buddyofcolton@gmail.com](mailto:buddyofcolton@gmail.com). Please request your tickets by March 1<sup>st</sup>. All proceeds benefit the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation.

**JUCC FLEA MARKET 2018**

Beverly Waibel has volunteered to organize the church flea market, set for June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you are able to help on the committee, please let her know. If you have things to donate, and can keep them until then, your donations will be appreciated. Thank you ~ Beverly!!



**RESERVE YOUR DATE NOW**

As of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, we are accepting reservations for use of the grove beginning in May.

**DON'T MISS OUT! BOOK YOUR EVENT NOW!**

Call the church office @ 610-681-4412 to make reservations

**JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, we will collect a special offering called "Joyful Noise". This offering is collected in the metal buckets set out at the church sanctuary exits. The offering is specifically taken for CACPAC (Christian Action Council of Palmerton Area Churches) and is used for the food pantry in Palmerton. Please give your spare change, or more generously, so others can find some joy!

Make a  
*Joyful* noise  
Unto The  
*Lord!*



Tune in to TV Channel 69 (WFMZ) for JUCC closings, or log onto wfmz.com or Blue Ridge Cable TV Channel 13 for updates for weather-related closings and delays.

