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speaking,

THE TRAVELER



NOVEMBER 2018

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

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Dear Members and Friends,

November's come and leaves turn brown.
Winds gust and doors shut in my hometown.
Thanks and blessings come to mind as summer ends its round.
Turkey, filling, beans and greens turn frowns upside-down!

My feeble attempt at poetry feels good to me. Did you know much research shows that gratitude makes people healthier? Gratitude helps us sleep better. Gratitude helps people like us better. Grateful people get sick less often. Grateful people are more spiritual and happier. At this time of year, when it begins to get cold and the days are shorter, we sometimes get a little depressed thinking about that discomfort. Nevertheless, there is still much for which to be thankful. When I think that there are many people in much less fortunate circumstance than am I, it puts my life into perspective and makes me grateful for my blessings. It also causes me to want to help others more. Quite often our minds control how we feel and that idea sets things right in my mind.

For all the people out there today with serious illnesses, family distress, financial problems or other sadness, my heart and prayer goes out to you. Knowing that we all are sad sometimes, scripture tells us in Romans 12:15 that we should weep with those who weep and share joy with the joyful.

This month, whether you laugh or mourn, be grateful for your blessings. Share it with someone!

(P.S. Grief and Loss Support Group at our church
2nd Wednesday of each month @ 1:00 PM – **FREE!!**)
(P.P.S. Lots of joyful stuff too!)

See you in church!

Pastor Kathryn

**MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
NOVEMBER 2018**

Hello Fellow members and friends of JUCC ~

It's hard to believe that November is upon us and fall weather has finally arrived! I am certainly glad for the change in the weather.

November is an important month on our church calendar for several reasons. One of which is that it's the time of year when the consistory evaluates how successful, or unsuccessful, we have been in meeting our church budget for the current year, and establishing the new budget for the upcoming year.

Stephanie Anderson has done an outstanding job of summarizing how we did in 2018. Steph has also done all the preliminary work needed to establish the budget for 2019. To briefly comment: 2018 was a successful year for JUCC financially. As a congregation, we met the weekly contribution budget that was established for 2018. There were some slight fluctuations both up and down on our fundraisers. These events can be affected by weather conditions, but the overall fluctuations were very minimal. All of our bills are paid and we have a healthy bank balance going into the winter months.

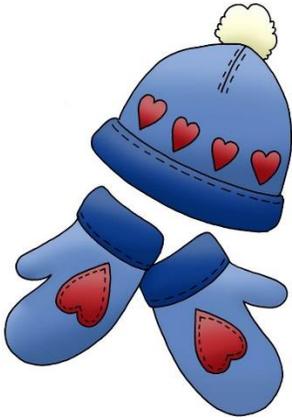
So, you all need to pat yourselves on the back for the hard work and dedication of time, energy, and money that have enabled us to meet our budget. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated.

We are all part of God's team. There are no second stringers on God's team. We are all in the starting lineup. We are all called to do God's will.

I hope to see you all at the congregational meeting on Sunday, November 18th at 10 a.m.

Peace be with you,

Ed Brader – Consistory President



HATS, MITTENS, GLOVES, SCARVES AND SOCKS

for the

“Hat and Mitten Tree”

We are collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks to fill the tree. The “Hat and Mitten tree” will be ready to be filled with your gifts of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks by Sunday, November 11. All items will be given to the Eldred Community Center for needy children and adults living in the area served by the center. The deadline to place the items on the tree is **Sunday, December 9th**.

If you love to write, journal, or just doodle, but can't seem to find the time or the peace and quiet, then this is for you!

“Write Now” will meet this month on **November 8th @ 7 p.m.**

Call Mary Beth Beers @ 610-377-9779, Lorraine Weiss @ 610-826-4310 or the church office at 610-681-4412 for more information

Everyone is welcome!

“YOUTH REASON TOGETHER”

Great Youth Work! We are pleased to report that our YRT (Youth Reason Together) JUCS Youth group participated in the Lehighon Crop Walk on October 14th. The participants raised almost \$900.00 for the area food banks. Way to Go Youth and Parents!

Our young people, (grades 7-12), meet on the last Sunday of each month from 6 to 7:30 pm (dinner provided) and find support among each other, the leaders, with God as our guide.

Friends are always welcome!

Any questions, please contact Jessie Walters (484)358-6720, or send an email to jucsyouthgroup@gmail.com



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This is a brand-new ministry for our church! The purpose of the Prayer Shawl is to comfort those going through a difficult time in their life: either with their health, the loss of a loved one, or anything else that they might be dealing with. The shawls are either knitted or crocheted in rectangles of about 2 ft. by 5 feet, with the intention that it's large enough to wrap around the recipient's shoulders and let them feel the comfort of the love and care that went into its creation. If shawl at home and bring it to the church office during the week, or to church on Sundays. The shawls will be given to persons within our congregation and to others near and far away. We will be in contact with our local hospitals and nursing homes to offer our shawls to anyone in need. If interested, please contact Stephanie Anderson at 610-681-3878 or email stephand@ptd.net.

JUST IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING!

Jerusalem UCC is selling containers of homemade filling.

We will be doing the filling preparation on

Friday, November 10th at 8 am and

Saturday, November 11th at 8 am

Each 2 lb. tin cost \$6 ~ and each 5 lb. tin costs \$12

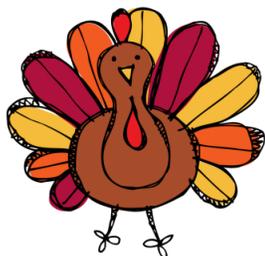
Orders are due by November 4th

and pick-up is either Sunday November 11th or

Sunday, November 18th after worship service from 11:30 – 1:00

To order – contact Lana Kuehner at 610-377-4936 or call the church at

610-681-4412



2018 BASKET RAFFLE & BAZAAR

It's that time again!

Our annual Basket Raffle & Bazaar

will be held on **November 3rd**

We will need donations of filled baskets or gift cards with minimum value of \$15.00, baked goods for the Bake Sale, and slightly used holiday items for the bargain table. Volunteers to help day before and day of the event are also needed. Donated items may be brought to the church office between 9 am and 12 p.m. from October 30th to November 2nd. Please contact the church office at 610-681-4412, or see Wendy Hoppel, Beverly Waibel or Denise Goodhile.

WORK SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Thursday, November 1st @ 5:30 p.m. – making soups

Friday, November 2nd @ 9 a.m. – noon – Bazaar set-up

Saturday, November 3rd @ 7:30 a.m. – final set-up

Saturday, November 3rd @ 2 p.m. – Baskets raffled



CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

55 & Alive is hosting a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see “*Christmas in the Air*” on Thursday, December 20th. George’s Motor Coach will leave JUCC parking lot at 10 am and return at approximately 4:30 pm. There is seating for 33 people on the bus and seats will be on a first-come first-seated basis. Tickets are \$86 PP. This includes the transportation, lunch and the show. To reserve your seat, please contact Donna Mackes at 610-681-4940, or at dkmackes@ptd.net by Sunday, November 4. Payment is due by November 20 by cash or check payable to Donna Mackes. **There are only 8 seats left!!**

An extra big **THANK YOU** to everyone that made this year's Palmerton Festival a very big success once again. We had some raindrops falling on both Saturday and Sunday this year and still managed to have a very good time, we sold out of all the delicious Filling and made a profit of \$13,921.54! Where do I begin to thank all the people that have done so many little things throughout this entire weekend, both before and after. Our wonderful guys that struggle in getting the stand set up. The Seifert family that donates the potatoes each year. Kim and Mark Goodhile that donated the chicken gravy. All 63 people that showed up between Tuesday and Wednesday to help prepare the filling - what a job! Again, all the guys that transport all the stoves, refrigerator, coolers, tents, chairs, pots and pans to the festival site. To the guys that pick up all the food product at Country Harvest and get it to the Fire Company and to the festival site. To everyone that worked one or more shifts in the food stand for the weekend. (We really do have a lot of fun and enjoy listening to the music!) To all the guys that waited forever to disassemble the stand and return it back to our grove, you definitely had a challenge this year! And last but not least to Terry and Denise Goodhile. Denise prepares all the signage for the stand, gets all the money/change ahead of time for this busy weekend as well as 101 other little things. Terry takes off 3 personal days of vacation and is there at every turn to do the 1001 little things that need to be done. As you can see, it takes many, many hands to make this our biggest fundraiser of the year - so many, many thanks to all of you that had a part in it. We couldn't do it without you. \$13,921.54 - Wow!

God Bless each and every one of you as he continues to smile upon us! Wendy



NOVEMBER GREETERS ARE...

November 4 – Lyn Summers & Barry George
 November 11 – Kelli George & Amy Shupp
 November 18 – Rick & Stephanie Anderson
 November 25 – Jen & Mahlon Hansler

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE READERS

Nov 4 – Andrea Lazicki / Nov 11 – Saralyn Sarandis
 Nov 18 – Donna Mackes / Nov 25 – Ed Brader

*If you would like to read scripture during our service, please contact
 Lyn at the office and let her know!*

NOVEMBER FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS

November 4 – Ed & Barbara Brader in memory of loved ones
November 11 – Rick, Lisa, Stephanie, & Brittany Williams in honor of all veterans
November 18 – Rick, Lisa & Stephanie Williams in honor of Brittany Williams' 15th
 birthday on November 15th
November 25 – Lyn Summers in honor of her mom's birthday on December 6th

55 & ALIVE FOR LADIES!

We will be meeting the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month.
November meetings will be on the 6th & 20th @ 11:30 am.
Bring a bag lunch. We'll provide coffee, tea, water or soda.



JUCC BLOOD DRIVE

We will hold another blood drive on

Saturday November 3rd

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in our parking lot.

The response to the last drive was very good and we'd like to exceed our last donation goal. **PLEASE** call the church office at 610-681-4412 to register and to learn how to prepare yourself to help us help our surrounding community in this important outreach!

BE PREPARED TO DONATE BLOOD BY...

...making sure you are well hydrated and by eating iron rich foods such as red meat, beans, spinach, watermelon, dark chocolate and molasses!

YUMMY!



DEADLINE

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please have your articles for the December newsletter to me no later than November 19th
Thank you! ~ Church Secretary ~

REGISTER RECEIPTS

Please continue to save your register receipts from Kinsley's Shop Rite in Brodheadsville, Weis Markets and Redners. 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.

***Don't forget to set your clocks BACK
1 hour before you turn in
for the night on November 3rd!***



WORDS OF WISDOM

***Silence the Gossip!
Be a shock absorber and refuse to repeat it!
~ Author Unknown ~***

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