

# THE TRAVELER

God  
is still  
speaking,



## AUGUST 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,

As you read this we will have just finished our yearly VBS, Vacation Bible School, – we call it the children’s Sports/Arts Jamboree. What a fun and joyful time we had together with our kids each evening! I learned some things as well:

I learned that Killer Whales put their calves in time-out when they misbehave. I learned that dolphins love to play with just about any other sea creature - even the ones very different. I learned that healthy dolphins help sick dolphins by supporting them in the water so they can breathe. I learned that Sea Otters hold hands for protection! I learned that Blue Whales grow enormous while still nursing on mother’s milk; and seals can hold their breath under water longer because they carry extra oxygen in their muscles!

God’s creation is amazing! We can learn so much from it. From the sea animals, we learned that instruction and discipline is essential to life. We learned that we must accept each other even if we are different. We learned that God protects us and we should protect one another. We learned that we can grow enormously in wisdom and knowledge by reading the Bible. We learned that we can grow and change because God has given us minds to know God.

All this may seem quick and easy, but as Larry, our Lobster mascot, has indicated, CHANGE, is scary. Larry gets upset every time he has to shed his hard shell so he can grow. While he wants to be bigger and tougher, he is very uncertain when he does not have his shell to protect him. He had to learn to trust God.

We all are a little uncertain about changing and growing, but God’s Word tells us that we need to change and grow emotionally and spiritually in order to fulfill God’s will for us. It is a vulnerable place to be, but we can also trust God to help us through the scary changes in family and church life.

Psalm 32:6-7 is comforting: “Your loyal followers should pray if they feel scared. God, you are my hiding place, you will protect me from many troubles...”

See you in church!

*Pastor Kathryn*

**MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT**  
**AUGUST 2018**

Hello Members and Friends of JUCC ~

As I look back on what has taken place over the past 4 weeks at our church, it has been simply amazing!

We continue to see wonderful results from our visioning process led by Pastor Kathryn. She pushed, encouraged, and guided our visioning team. I don't believe anyone could have predicted some of the outcomes we are experiencing.

I want to particularly mention our first "Free Community Dinner". It was simply a wonderful experience and a great success! It was led by Rick and Steph Anderson who very quietly organized the event. I believe almost all the food, drink, and supplies were donated by members of our church and surrounding businesses. We served over 200 free meals! As our fellow members arrived they simply stepped up to the plate and went to work wherever help was needed. Except for a few minor bumps, the day could not have run any smoother. The good Lord provided perfect weather. We had God's House Band providing great music. We had volunteers cooking the chicken, serving the dinners, and taking care of the clean-up. The building and property committee had the grove in pristine condition, and I don't want to forget those delicious desserts made by our "55 & Alive" ladies. It was a total team effort that could not have run more smoothly.

The greatest job done that day was the job of the Holy Spirit. You could feel his presence throughout our grove. Everyone had a smile on their face. There was great conversation on all sorts of topics. There were new faces and old friends we haven't seen in awhile. Everyone was enjoying wonderful fellowship. We opened our doors and our hearts to the surrounding community and there was a spirit of joy that filled our grove. It was unique unto itself – and wonderful in so many ways.

***GREAT TEAM WORK BY ALL***  
***STAY TUNED ~ MORE TO COME!***

Peace be with you,  
Ed Brader ~ Consistory President

**Psalm 98:1** – *“Sing to the lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.”*

## Christian Education News

As of the writing of this newsletter, we had our first day of VBS Sports/Arts Jamboree. We so far have 24 children in attendance. Our theme this year is "The Depth of God's Love". It is an ocean theme where we highlight different ocean animals to help enforce the concepts. I must say the nightly visit from "Larry the Lobster", is quite the hit, He is a cute and quirky crustacean who helps spread a great message of just how much God loves us.

As part of the VBS the kids helped to make comfort lap blankets. The kid's prayers are sent along with the blankets and are given to whomever Pastor Kathryn feels would benefit from some comfort and love. If anyone knows someone who may benefit from our blanket, please see Pastor Kathryn.

At this point I will assume that the closing program and Family Carnival will be a success. I would also like to thank all of the helpers for this year's VBS. We had some helpers who have been with us for years and some new faces. All the helpers were/are incredible and I am so grateful that God put this outreach into their heart.

I would also like to announce that James Sarandis has taken the position of the Nursery Host. We are so happy as James knows and is familiar with the Nursery and the little ones know him. James will be in the Nursery at the 9:00 service and will be a consistent, nurturing caretaker of our littlest members.

Blessings for a wonderful and relaxing August! Marcia Heinick

### SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**\*\*Registration required for all programs\*\***

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**Nursery (infant to pre-K):** Meets with Judy Hessinger at 9:00 AM in the Sunday School room. For the nursery, parents are required to stay on premises and may be asked to stay with their children depending on planned activities.

**Children (ages 5-12) "Children's Church"** program begins during the 9 am service; children are released for Bible School around 9:15 AM. Parents are encouraged to stay for church service. Registration required.

**Youth Group (ages 13-17):** Meets the last Sunday of each month @ 6pm. Please contact Jessie Walters, our Youth Group Director at [jucyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:jucyouthgroup@gmail.com) or call 484-358-6720 for more info.

**Adult Sunday School:** Adult Sunday School will resume in September.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Confirmation class for youth going into 7th grade or above will begin in September. Class is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening of each month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm until June 2019. Other periodic time commitments are involved. Any parent who desires this spiritual step for their child should contact the pastor for participation expectations.





**55 & ALIVE FOR LADIES!**  
 We will be meeting the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month.  
 August meetings will be **August 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** @ 11:30 am.  
 Bring a bag lunch. We'll provide coffee, tea, water or soda.



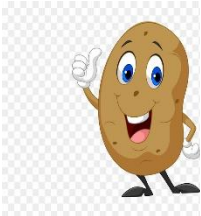
**It's Palmerton Festival Time!  
 September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**

It's hard to believe that our annual picnic is over ~ but that can only mean one thing! It's Palmerton Festival Time! So...everyone please sharpen your favorite paring knife, dust off your largest cutting board, and find your Jerusalem UCC apron!  
 We Need YOU!



**SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 6:00 pm  
 Polk Township Fire Company (Rt. 209)  
 Please join us in starting to cut up celery, onions, parsley, potatoes and lots & lots of bread!  
 Wednesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 9:00 am to ? –  
 More vegetable chopping!



**Festival Days ~ Friday, Saturday & Sunday – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>**

**See you all at the Festival ~ PLEASE SIGN UP!**  
 Please see Wendy Hoppel in church to sign up for a shift on the 3 days listed above or give her a call!  
 (H) 610-377-5946 or (M) 610-577-6772



# JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COMMUNITY PICNIC

\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018 \*\*\*\*\*



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COME & SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW BANDSHELL



CAKEWALK



KIDS ACTIVITIES



RAFFLE TICKETS

12:00 NOON – OPEN AND READY FOR LUNCH

1:00 P.M. – FREE KIDS GAMES & KIDDIE CAKE WALK

\*\*\*\*\* 2:00 P.M. – SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE HAWKS \*\*\*\*\*

3:00 P.M. – MUSIC BY MAIN STREET CRUISERS

5:00 P.M. – MUSIC BY MAIN STREET CRUISERS

6:30 P.M. – TRACHSVILLE'S LEGENDARY CAKE WALK

7:30 P.M. – MUSIC BY MAIN STREET CRUISERS

9:00 P.M. – RAFFLE TICKET DRAWING

~~~~ GREAT FOOD, GREAT FUN, GREAT ENTERTAINMENT! ~~~~

~~~ BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND SPEND THE DAY! ~~~

Rain date – Sunday, August 5, 2018 – noon  
Picnic grove is located off Rt. 209 in Trachsville  
Behind the fire company at 545 Church Drive 610-681-4412

## “YOUTH REASON TOGETHER”

The JUCC youth group, also known as "Youth Reason Together", has a full schedule of events and activities planned!

Monthly meetings are set for the last Sunday of every month,

from 6-7:30 PM (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.

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)



Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

we will return to our

***Regular Sunday Services***

Two services will be held as follows:

9 AM – Contemporary Service

10:30 AM – Traditional Service

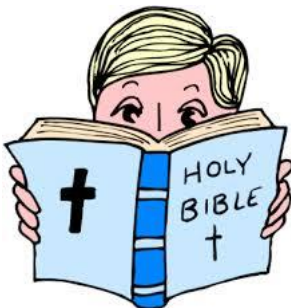
## **AUGUST FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS**

August 5 – Susan Levandusky in memory of her father Peter Levandusky

August 12 – Michael & Paula Frey & family in memory of Ronald & Diane Berger

August 19 – Lyn Summers in memory of her late husband John's birthday

August 26 – Leon & Danielle George in honor of Leon's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 31



## **AUGUST SCRIPTURE READERS**

August 5 – Saralyn Sarandis

August 12 – Donna Mackes

August 19 – Bob Fahringer

August 26 – Matt Binder

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



**OUR NEXT GROVE SERVICE**  
will be held on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:00 a.m.



#### **4<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP**

If you are looking for a fun time with friends, consider the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Fellowship from 6pm to 9pm. We meet again on Friday, **August 24<sup>th</sup>**. This time is set each month for members and friends to get to know each other better. We'll do fun things together and eat snacks!

#### **MONTHLY GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP**

Monthly Grief and Loss Support Group at JUCC will meet on **August 8<sup>th</sup>** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Directed by professional counselor, Sue Featro, M.E.D., E.D.D., M.S. Counseling, this group is for people experiencing grief due to trauma, loss or death. It is an effort to assist people in the surrounding community to heal and find peace.



**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 you knit or crochet, we

invite you to make a 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](mailto:stephand@ptd.net).

**JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, we collect a special offering called “Joyful Noise”. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items brought to church by our congregation. 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 on August 5th so others can find some joy!



**DEADLINE**

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

*Please have your articles for the September newsletter to me no later than August 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*Thank you! ~ Church Secretary ~*

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**BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS...**

*A big thank you* to everyone who so generously gave of their time ~ and their blood ~ to support our first blood drive. We fell just a little short of our goal of 18 units – collecting a total of 14 units of life-saving blood. Because this is such an important mission, we are planning to hold another drive on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please save the date and plan to help us out again!



**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.





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