

God is still speaking,

THE TRAVELER



FEBRUARY 2019

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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	Lorrie Nothstein	Beverly Waibel	Duane Hawk
	Saralyn Sarandis	Jaclyn Wonderly	



Dear Members and Friends,

Why did the hiker only wear only one boot to go for a walk this winter? Because there was only a 50% chance of snow! Silly hiker. When Jesus Christ walked this earth, he proclaimed the coming of God's realm to humanity. The universe is vast, and we know so little, sometimes we think there is only a small chance of God actually making good on promises we hear in church.

Apostle Paul wrote this to wavering people: "Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel (good news) which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day...." (1 Corinthians 15:1-4 NASB)

I summarize that good news like this: "Jesus rose from the grave and You can too!" Not that we don't value this life; God values the life given to each of us, so we must live it out to its natural close. However, if you believe in "heaven" then you likely believe God will save you for that place. The question is: "Are you only wearing one boot?" Do you think there is only a 50% chance of that actually happening?"

Jesus proclaimed this Good News to all that would hear him. Do you have both boots in for a 100% chance of God saving you?

Put on both boots this winter, and be in church. Better yet, come to the six-week, Thursday night bible study to learn why we believe what we believe.

See you in church where the Son shines!

Pastor Kathryn

**MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
FEBRUARY 2019**

Hello Fellow Members and Friends of JUCC,

Our January Consistory Meeting got off to a great start with all members present. Our first order of business was to elect officers for 2019. They are as follows: Ed Brader – President; Rick Anderson – Vice President; Lyn Summers – Acting Secretary; Stephanie Anderson – Treasurer. I urge any member with questions or concerns on any topic to please contact any member. The other members are Beverly Waibel, Barry George, Duane Hawk, Bob Buck, Marcia Heinick, Lorrie Nothstein, Saralyn Sarandis, and Jaclyn Wonderly. We have a great team of dedicated members and we are all looking forward to working together to do our part in conducting the church’s business.

The next couple of months are generally a quieter time for our church, as we don’t have any major events or projects taking place. However, we do have our “PA Dutch Heritage Day” on February 10th, and the “55 & Alive” group is planning a visit to Getz’s Personal Care Home. They are also continuing the sale of the streak-free window washing cloths with the proceeds being donated to the CACPAC Food Pantry. They are also planning to run the food stand at the Annual Flea Market on May 31st and June 1st. I am sure their ministry will be working on new ventures as the year progresses. Great work ladies!

The Building and Property Committee continues to stay on top of our maintenance items for our church and grove. The Future Building Use Committee is in a holding pattern as we await completion of the final construction drawings from our architect.

The Christian Education program and the Youth Group (YRT) are growing in numbers as they continue to expand their ministries. Please be sure to read Pastor Kathryn’s “Evangelism and Mission” Report for 2018 in the annual report, as this report will give a more complete summation of the accomplishments of our ministry.

So, although this might be a quiet time of year activity wise, it is a great time to work on planning, improving, and developing new ministry opportunities. I encourage anyone who might be considering developing a new ministry to please come forward with your ideas. Please see Pastor Kathryn, or any Consistory member. We all look forward to expanding and improving God’s plan for JUCC.

Peace be with you,
Ed Brader – Consistory President

FEBRUARY GREETERS ARE...

- February 3 – Boy Scout Troop/Pack 209
- February 10 – Rick & Steph Anderson
- February 17 – Buzz & Carolyn Hill
- February 24 – Ricky & Beverly Waibel



FEBRUARY FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS

- February 3 – Leon & Danielle George in honor of son Ben’s birthday on February 2nd
- February 10 – Debbie Cope in honor of son Colin’s birthday on February 2nd
- February 17 – Kevin & Elise Binder in honor of son Matthew’s 18th birthday on February 15th
- February 24 – Susan Levandusky in memory of family & friends

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE READERS

- Feb 3 – Boy Scouts of Troop~Pack #209 / Feb 10 – Lana Kuehner
 - Feb 17 – Steph Anderson / Feb 24 – Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams
- If you would like to read scripture during our service,
please contact Lyn at the office and let her know!*



SUPPORT OUR SCOUTS!

Boy Scout Sunday is February 3rd. We will have a special offering for the scouts that morning. The Scouts will also be greeting and handling out the bulletins as well as collecting for our Joyful Noise! Girl Scout Sunday will be on March 10th !

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The JUCC youth group, AKA “Youth Reasoning Together”, or YRT, has a full schedule of events and activities planned! Monthly meetings are set for the last Sunday of each month, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (dinner provided). In these meetings, our young people, grades 7 through 12, can find support among each other. The leaders, and with God as their guide.

Youth Director – Jessie Walters
All Are Welcome!



“Write Now” will meet at its **NEW TIME**
February 14th @ 1:00 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!



PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH HERITAGE DAY

We are working to arrange a PA Dutch Heritage Celebration currently scheduled for **Sunday, February 10th** after church (Snow date the following Sunday). We will have a covered dish meal and then some entertainment and card games. If you are interested in providing a covered dish, please sign up on the list at the back of the church! If there is anyone in the congregation who would be willing to teach others how to play “Haas”, please advise Bob Andrews or Pastor Kathryn. **GOOD STUFF!**

SIX-WEEK BIBLE STUDY!

Pastor Kathryn is starting a new Bible Study where we will explore why we believe what we believe. We will begin on Thursday, February 7th and go through to March 14th. Meetings will be from 6 – 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there.



MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

JUCC will be hosting a two-hour educational seminar concerning Medicare and supplemental insurance options. Mr. Joseph Henry of Independence Insurance will give a power-point presentation, show us all the options that are available, and answer all of our many questions. Join us on Saturday, April 27th from 1 – 3 p.m. here at the church!

Everyone is welcome so bring your friends!



JUCC FLEA MARKET 2019

The Annual JUCC Flea Market is being planned for May 31st & June 1st. If you are able and would like to help, please contact Beverly Waibel. If you have things to donate, and can keep them until then, your donations will be greatly appreciated.

**WATCH FOR MORE UPDATED INFORMATION!
THANK YOU!**



JUCC BLOOD DRIVE!

JUCC is organizing its 3rd BLOOD DRIVE together with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center on Saturday, June 1st from 9 am until 12 pm. The need in our community is great! MKBC is the exclusive provider of blood products and services to 22 hospitals in the Poconos, Greater Poconos, Lehigh Valley and surrounding area, and has been in operation for over 30 years. This is an awesome opportunity for us to give back to our community and help to save lives!

Our goal is to collect 20 units!!

Come to the FLEA MARKET and donate at the same time!!

Can we count on you to help our community hospitals?

Please call the church office at 610-681-4412 For registration and other details

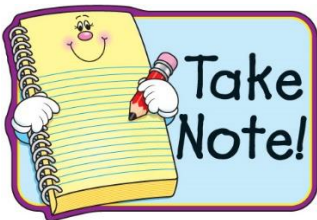
THANKSGIVING FILLING SALE STATS

Income: \$ 3504.00 / Expenses: \$ 935.01

Profit: \$ 2568.99 / Tithe: \$ 2312.09

Total 1200 lbs. filling made - ALL sold - (We made 100 5 lb. tins alone)

Thank you to everyone, our "Filling Fairies".



The March 2019 Newsletter will go to print on February 22nd. Articles not received by February 18th may not make it into print. Contact the office at 610-681-4412 if you have something you would like to submit.

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





GRANDMA

*She lets him go barefoot in the summertime
And swing on the garden gate
She lets him eat cookies between his meals
And stay up disgracefully late.
She indulges him when he visits
She was stricter with her boy
But this one isn't hers to raise
Only to enjoy!
~Author Unknown*

Submitted by 55 & Alive!

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