

God is still speaking,

THE TRAVELER



MARCH 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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Dear members and friends,

In the bible book of Genesis, there is an account of a man named Joseph, the great-grandson of Abraham, whose brothers sold into slavery. The story is long and sordid, but the ending is happy. Joseph eventually prospers in Egypt and the brothers forced to admit their crime. The ending is happy because Joseph forgave his brothers and saw in their actions a greater purpose, one that came from God in order to save their family from a very, very long drought. Can you imagine such a thing brought on by your siblings? Joseph hung on to life because of God, and for the love of his father, Jacob. His first words to his brothers, after revealing himself to them was, “Is my father really still alive?”

Sometimes we are so down-and-out that we think God is no longer alive. It is hard to feel God’s presence when we are lonely, stressed and afraid. Many people have taken up the practice of mediation in order to steady their emotional state. Although not a cure, research indicates that mediation has a calming effect on emotions and allows practitioners to feel well-being. Prayer is meditation except that it also acknowledges that our creator is still alive; and because of mutual love will hear and respond.

God will not always give us what we specifically ask for because there is a greater plan for this world. God will still our souls and give us peace in the storm. Yes, your heavenly parent is still alive and wants to hear from you.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kathryn

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE – *Bags* for children who are located on the counters in the child make use of and keep the canvas bag itself be returned



Here at JUCC we are happy to supply *Activity* staying with you for the service. They are back of the church. Please feel free to let your anything in the bag. However, we request that to the basket. God Bless!

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Yes its that time again! Well...almost. The tentative dates for our summer Sports Jamboree and Vacation Bible School are July 15th through the 19th with the Family Carnival to be held after services on Sunday, July 22nd. Watch your newsletter for further details and registration information. Want to help? Contact Marcia Heinick at mheinick@ptd.net.



Prayer Requests

*“...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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| Anna Bowman | Jessie Walters | Mark Stetler |
| Timothy Henning | Joanne Frable | Colin Berger |
| Bob Dorshimer | Rodney George | Larry Dananay |
| Jim Fritz | Megan Fredericks | Doug Hawk |
| Allen Raish Family | Don Kupillas | Dorothy Summers |
| Darrell Berger | George & Linda Seidel | John Kupillas |

Longer term prayer concerns:

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| Jim Buck | Orpha Shaffer | Kayla Johnson |
| Bonnie O’Brien | Bob Buck | Gerald Hawk |
| Dalton Fredericks | Terry Cope | Barry Smale |

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WE CELEBRATE A BAPTISM!
On Sunday, February 24th, we joyfully baptized Justin Cole, son of Jesse Boyer and Alexa Everett. Justin was born on October 16, 2018. Justin’s Godparents are Joshua & Brianne Everett, Cody Boyer, and Tami Hunsicker. Justin’s great-grandparents are Brenda & Dean Hahn. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Justin and pray God’s blessing upon him! ✚



2019 WEDNESDAY JUCC LENTEN SCHEDULE
UCC/Lutheran - Trachsville/Kresgeville/Kunkletown/Gilbert
Theme: *Sermon on the Mount*

DATE	THEME	HOST CHURCH	PREACHER	BIBLE PASSAGE
March 06 Ash Wednesday <i>(*no soup supper this evening)</i>	Blessed Are You	Jerusalem UCC <i>(each church hosts their own service at 7pm)</i>	Kathryn Foster	Matthew 5:1-11
March 13	Salt and Light	Jerusalem Lutheran	Deb Scheffey	Matt. 5:13-16
March 20	Prayer and Fasting	Jerusalem UCC	Brian Holben	Matthew 6: 5-18
March 27	Do Not Worry	Salem-St. Paul Lutheran	Randy Lentz	Matthew 6: 25-34
April 3	Judge Not	St. Matthews UCC	Kathryn Foster	Matthew 7:1-5
April 10	Build on the Rock	Salem United Church of Christ	Suzanne Brooks-Cope	Matthew 7: 24-27

6:00 PM to 6:45 pm Simple Soup Supper*
 6:30 PM Choir rehearsal ~ 7:00 PM Worship Service

Host Choir Directors will choose an easy anthem. Choir members from all churches are encouraged to attend the 6:30 pm rehearsal and sing each week.

Church offering envelopes received will be forwarded to their respective churches. Loose offering received will go to the Host Church.

In case of inclement weather, please check Channel 13, WSBG and/or WFMZ for service cancellation information. Host Church will also place cancelation notice on their answering machine if possible.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 14th
 Maundy Thursday - Taize Service 7pm April 18th
 Good Friday -Tenebrae Service 7pm April 19th
 Easter Sunday - 7:00 am Dawn Service in the Grove, 9:00 am and 10:30 am





SUPPORT OUR SCOUTS!
 Girl Scout Sunday is March 10th. 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!

MARCH GREETERS ARE...
March 3 – Barry & Donna Mackes
March 10 - The Girl Scouts
March 17 – Mildred Ahner & Wendy Hoppel
March 20 Lenten Service – Andrea Lazicki & Donna Mackes
March 24 – Stacy & Paige Burnett
March 31 – Lyn Summers



MARCH FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS

March 3 – Wendy Hoppel in honor of Paul’s birthday on March 4th
March 10 – Leon & Danielle George in memory of Esther J. George
March 17 – Carolyn & Robert Hill in memory of Irene, Elmer & Kenneth Hoppes
March 24 – Kevin, Elise & Matthew Binder in memory of James Behler
March 31 – Ricky & Beverly Waibel in honor of their granddaughter Jaclyn’s birthday on March 30th and grandson Peyton’s birthday on March 31st



MARCH SCRIPTURE READERS

March 3 – Bob Fahringer / March 10 – The Girl Scouts
March 17- Wendy Hoppel / March 24 – Ed Brader
March 31 – Steph Anderson

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



CONTINUING BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study on Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. continues this week. We are discussing ‘why we believe what we believe’. The study will go through to March 14th.

Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there.



OGHS Sunday will be March 24th. OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing) is one of the five special offerings that our denomination hosts each year. This offering is designated toward global ministries and helping people around the world become sustainable in their own communities. Our church's goal for 2019 is to become a **FIVE FOR FIVE** church in the PNEC, which funds each of those five ministries. Come and be part of a world-wide mission on March 24th!

“Write Now” will meet at its **NEW TIME**
March 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!



Don't Miss

2019 Easter Filling Sale

\$6.00 for a 2 lb. container

\$12.50 for a 5lb. container

Orders will be taken from March 17th through March 31st

Pick up at church April 7th and April 14th

after worship service

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

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

FILLING PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Chop, dice & slice Thursday night April 4th, 5 pm to 9 pm

Friday, April 5th, 8 am to 12 noon

Mixing of filling Sat. April 6th at 8 am until done



MONTHLY GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Monthly Grief and Loss Support Group at JUCC will meet on **March 13th** – 2nd 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.

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!



DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

Forming at Pyramid Sports Performance Center

CDC recognized diabetes prevention lifestyle change programs are year-long interventions that help participants make lasting lifestyle changes. The programs are part of the CDC led National Diabetes Prevention Program. Meetings are once a week for the first 6 months, once or twice a month thereafter. Call 610-379-2001 to register or for more info or email [gpi@ecneahec.org](mailto:gpio@ecneahec.org). Sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays 2:30 to 3:30 pm starting March 12.

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 6:00 – 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!

March Meeting – Sunday the 31st



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 INFORMATION!

THANK YOU!

Copies of the Annual Report for the 2018 Fiscal year are available on the counters at the back of the church. They can also be sent electronically upon request from the church office.



BLOOD DRIVE

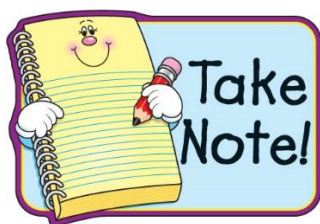
JUCC is organizing its 3rd BLOOD DRIVE together with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center on **Saturday, June 1st** from 9 am until 12 pm. The need in our community is great! MKBC is the exclusive provider of blood products and services to 22 hospitals in the Poconos, Greater Poconos, Lehigh Valley and surrounding 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



The April 2019 Newsletter will go to print on March 29th. Articles not received by March 25th 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.

In case of
Inclement
Weather



Now That's Funny!

I swear, if my memory gets any worse – I could throw myself a surprise party!

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I have learned so much from my mistakes. In fact, I'm thinking of making a few more!

Submitted by 55 & Alive!



Just a reminder!
 Our beverage can shed is looking for your empty aluminum beverage cans. There are two deposit slots: one for crushed cans and one for uncrushed cans.

Our clothing bin is out in the grove near the beverage can container. Recycle Local us a community-based organization benefiting those in need while keeping many items out of the nation's landfills. Accepted items include all clean & dry clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, towels, drapes, pillow cases and stuffed animals.



CHOCOLATE CREAM PUFF DESSERT

CRUST:

- 8 tbsp. Vegetable oil
- 1 Cup water
- 1 Cup Flour
- 4 eggs

FILLING:

- 1 PKG. (3 1/2 oz) vanilla instant pudding
- 3 1/2 Cups milk
- 8 oz. softened cream cheese
- 8 oz. cool whip
- Chocolate syrup

Bring oil and water to a boil. Remove from heat. Blend in flour. Mixture forms a ball. Add eggs one at a time. Beat well. Spread into a greased 9x13" glass pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 40 minutes. Cool COMPLETELY before filling.

Combine pudding, milk and cream cheese and whip until smooth. Spread over COOLED crust. Refrigerate until set. Spread cool whip and drizzle with chocolate syrup. Refrigerate at least 1 hour (or overnight) before serving.

Submitted by 55 & Alive



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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