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THE TRAVELER



MAY 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,

Finally! The spring warmer weather has come. It has been a long winter for me because I began a home addition project in July 2018 that was supposed to be done before winter and it lasted throughout the winter. The changes it brought to my life often made it difficult and annoying. Finally, my hope changed to joy as we now finish the project.

Hope is a powerful thing. We just traversed the Lenten season, which ended with Easter, the day we celebrate the hope of our lives, meaning the hope that we will attain eternal life one day. We had three services on Easter Sunday - all different, but each in their own ways, told the story of our hope.

Not only do we hope for eternal life but we also hope that when we attain that resurrected life, we will also attain a place to live where there is no suffering, only joy and beauty - a paradise living in love and goodness. Just as we could not easily see the objects in the "hidden picture puzzles" we completed with the children during the 9:00 am service on Easter Sunday, resurrected life is hidden from us now. The bodily form of Jesus is also hidden from us now. Then, it will not be.

Sometimes songs help us with our hope. One of the most popular songs written by iconic songwriter James Taylor called "Close Your Eyes" has a line in it I cannot forget. It says, "It won't be long before another day. We're gonna have a good time." Easter plays like that line every year with hope and joy. Yes, hope is a powerful thing, and spring is here!

See you in church!

Pastor Kathryn

**MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
MAY 2019**

Hello Fellow members and Friends of JUCC!

It's hard to believe that the end of April is upon us and a third of 2019 has gone by. Time certainly does seem to fly!

At this time on our church calendar, we have gone through Holy Easter week, and what a wonderful, enriching experience our Easter week has been. Pastor Kathryn certainly was very busy preparing for and leading us in five extraordinary services – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and three Easter Sunday Services. Each service provided its own unique meaning to Easter week. Thank you, Pastor, for all of your passion in leading us on our faith journey.

Our weekly bible study group has taken a short break over the Easter season, but there does appear to be great interest in getting together again soon. Our hope is to resume the study on Thursday, May 9th. Please watch your bulletin announcements for more information.

Finally, a quick update on the progress of our church building addition. We met with our architect and mechanical engineer on Monday, April 22nd. The structural plans are complete and the mechanical plans are 95% complete. The last plan we are waiting for is the land plan. This plan entails the design for the new septic system, parking area, storm water run-off, and exterior lighting. We hope to have this plan completed shortly. We will then put bid packages together to secure three (3) bids and proceed to evaluate and select our contractor. Updates on this process will be forthcoming as information is available. We will do our best to keep this process moving forward.

There are so many things happening, and much to look forward to as spring and summer arrive.

Peace Be with you,
Ed Brader, Consistory President



CHOIR NEWS!

Our wonderful choir has worked hard all season and it's time for them to take a break!
The last choir practice for the season will be on May 21st
We would like to thank everyone who lends their awesome voice each week to help us celebrate
GOD'S LOVE!!



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Mother's Day Recognition Sunday – May 12th
Memorial Day Recognition Sunday – May 26th
Summer Service Schedule begins – June 16th
9 am Services Only
Father's Day Grove Service – June 16th

CHURCH IN THE GROVE

On Father's Day, **Sunday, June 16th**, we will have our first "church in the grove" service for this summer at 9 AM. Following the church service, a covered dish luncheon will be held to celebrate Father's Day and the beginning of summer in our beautiful grove. Please bring a main dish or dessert to share. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to stay awhile and have lunch in the grove after church with your family and friends. Food Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church.



May Schedule

SCRIPTURE READERS

Sunday, May 5 @ 10:30 AM

Third Sunday of Easter - Lisa Hawk & Kim Williams

Sunday, May 12 @ 10:30 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Lynn Mastio-Rice

Sunday, May 19 @ 10:30

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Bob Fahringer

Sunday, May 26 @ 10:30

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Lana Kuehner

SUNDAY GREETERS

Sunday, May 5 -

Lyn Summers & Mary Beth Beers

Sunday, May 12 -

To Be Announced

Sunday, May 19 -

Saralyn Sarandis & Shari Jacobs

Sunday, May 26 -

Barry & Donna Mackes



MAY FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS

May 5 – Steph Anderson in honor of Rick's 60th birthday on May 3rd

May 12 – Paula & Bob Abel in honor and memory of all mothers

May 19 – Carolyn & Robert Hill in memory of Geraldine & Robert Hill & Shirley Wentz

May 26 – Kim & Mike Williams in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary on May 29th

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

From June 16th to Sept 8th We will have ONE 9:00 AM Sunday blended (contemporary/traditional) worship service which WILL INCLUDE nursery and children's church EVERY week - so KIDS, KEEP COMING! Grove services are scheduled for June 16th, July 14th August 4th and September 8th. We will still have seated communion on the first Sunday of each month, and communion by intinction (dipping in cup) on most other Sundays.



On Sunday, May 26th, we will be honoring members and friends of our church who have served, (active, retired or deceased) in any branch of the Armed Forces. If you would like to add the name of a loved one to our bulletin insert, please contact the church office at 610-681-4412 by Tuesday, May 22nd. Photos can be emailed or dropped off to the church office.

NEW! JUCC QUILTING GROUP!

Interested in crafting, sewing or quilting? A new group has formed here at JUCC and will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The May meetings will be on May 9th and May 23rd. See (or call) Shelba for more info (610)704-3756. There will definitely be quilting going on, but this group could also involve other crafts/classes as well, depending upon your interests. It could also just be "open sew" where everyone works on their own projects. Bring your friends and enjoy some fun and fellowship!



FLEA MARKET HOURS!

Friday May 31st

9 am to 3 p.m.

Saturday June 1st

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FLEA MARKET NEWS!

Beverly Waibel is once again organizing the church flea market, set for May 31st and June 1st, 2019. If you are able to help on the committee, please let her know. If you have things to donate, you can bring them to the church beginning Tuesday, May 21st until Thursday May 30th (except for Saturday May 25th or Monday May 27th) between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Donated clothing must be clean and presentable. Any electrical items must be complete, safe and in working condition. All help and all donations will be greatly appreciated! Please contact Beverly for additional arrangements. Thank you ~ !!

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR!!

Volunteers are needed to put service slide presentations for Kathryn is on vacation. She these presentations together and need a person to take on this responsibility at times during the year. It is also a good idea to have others in the congregation able to do this in case of emergency. If anyone is able and willing or willing to be trained to do this, please let Pastor Kathryn know. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER

together the Sunday worship Sundays while Pastor and her husband Bob create

HOMECOMING SUNDAYS

Thank you to all who contributed to Homecoming in 2018. The 2019 mowing season will be starting shortly and we are once again asking for donations to cover the lawn care expenses of the Union Cemetery. Please make your checks payable to: Jerusalem Union Cemetery Association. Envelops will be available in the bulletins in May.

Thanking you in advance for your 2019 contribution!



Has your address recently changed?

If your address has recently changed because of 911 addressing (for example, from an RD number to a house and street number), please contact the church office to update your address.

If you don't already receive "The Traveler" newsletter by email and would like to, please Send a request to juccsecy@ptd.com. This will help us to cut down on mailing costs!

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

PICNIC RAFFLE TIME!

Spring is finally here and a nice time to be thinking about warm weather and picnics. Speaking of picnics, it's not too early to think about an item for our Annual Church Raffle. We would like to get the items finalized by **June 1st (6/1/19)** so that the tickets can be printed in a timely manner. We have always had so many interesting and beautiful handmade items in the past. Won't you please consider donating again this year? Handmade crafts, outdoor items, gift cards ~ be creative and if you are not sure about a particular item, please contact Wendy Hoppel in church or call 610-377-5946 and leave a message.



JUCC ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendar for this annual fun event!

August 3rd from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and a lawn chair for

GREAT FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!



COMMUNITY EVENT
2ND ANNUAL FREE CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

In our church Grove Rain or Shine!
Saturday, June 15th from 4pm to 7 pm.

Music by "God's House Band"

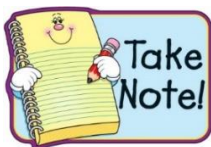
First come ~ first served!

Bring the whole family & your lawn chairs
Enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship!

For more information call our office at 610-681-4412

CHECK OUT THE PNEC'S WEBSITE!

There are so many exciting things happening within our conference! Go to www.pnec.org and check out all the information about meetings, messages, ministries, trainings, resources and upcoming events. Just click on "News & Events" and then go to "This Week in PNEC" for all the latest news!



The June 2019 Newsletter will go to print on May 26th. Articles not received by May 22nd may not make it into print. Contact the office at 610-681-4412 if you have something you would like to submit.



Yes, it's time again for JUCC VBS/Sports Jamboree! The dates for our summer program this year are July 15th through the 19th with the Family Carnival to be held after services on Sunday, July 21st. The Theme this year is "Campfire"! Watch for further details and registration information.

If you are interested in helping out with this year's VBS Program, please contact Marcia Heinick @ mheinick@ptd.net. All helpers will need valid background checks. Thank you for your support of this very special & vital children's ministry! God Bless!



DEMENTIA PRESENTATION (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Will be held on Saturday, June 8th 2019 from 1:00 - 3:00PM in the church
By: Jennie Rose Serfass Bus. Dev. Specialist and Certified Dementia Practitioner
From: Arden Courts Memory Care Community

If you have or know a relative, friend or neighbor that is dealing with Dementia you won't want to miss this inspiring presentation!!! Your questions will be answered!!!



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.



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.



THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF YOUR LIFE ARE
 THE DAY YOU WERE BORN...
 AND THE DAY YOU FIND OUT WHY...
 MARK TWAIN



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