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THE TRAVELER



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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,

Recently a member asked me which bible translation is the best. I have a few favorites, but I have concluded that all have both strengths and weaknesses. However, in response to the member's question I searched the internet to see if I could decide. I already knew that besides the various translations, there were also various "themed" or "specialty" bibles. I was stunned to find that one U.S. Christian bookseller lists over 12,000 types of bibles and those are just in English!

Beside the 30+ translations, (some done specifically for various sects) there are also additions and variations such as devotional, summary, audio, children, journaling, historical, commentary, story, even 3D super heroes bibles! One must be careful with bibles that give commentary or devotional opinions. Often in these, theological ideas of this one person, or publisher, is evident.

Hebrews 4:12 states that the "word of God is living and active." However, the written Word, most published in human history, is not everything. Psalm 19:1 states, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the expanse shows God's handiwork." We must not discount the natural "evidence," God's handiwork.

John 1:3 states that the Word of God was involved in creating all things. Thus, it is essential to synthesize both natural creation, and the bible as types of evidence and see how they fit together. I do not think one could suppress the other. In my view, God knows all about the truths of science, and the huge number of "translations" and "commentaries" must fit with both. What is the best translation? I am still waiting for it as I read all the evidence.

See you in church!

Pastor Kathryn

**MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
AUGUST 2019**

Hello Fellow Members and Friends of JUCC ~

“For the body is not one member, but many”

1 Corinthians 12:14

This is probably the best definition of team work you’ll ever find.

Since becoming a member of Consistory three years ago, I have become increasingly amazed at the team work demonstrated at JUCC. When something needs to be done, someone or some group steps up to the plate to meet the challenge. Whether it is a building maintenance issue, Christian Education, our Sunday worship services, VBS, Youth (YRT), Consistory, 55 & Alive, the “filling fairies”, Chicken Bar-B-Que, or any of our other various fund raisers, someone always answers the call. Our love for one another, for our Lord and Savior, and for our community shines the brightest when we all take a part in the ministry of JUCC.

We will all have several opportunities in the next few weeks to play an active role on the JUCC team.

Please consider, if you are able, to volunteer a few hours to help out with our Annual Church Community Picnic, as well as with the Palmerton Festival. These are two very important events that greatly support the financial needs of our ministry.

And finally, don’t forget the Keystone-Miller Memorial Blood Drive on Saturday, August 3rd, here in our church parking lot. This is the same day as our church picnic. The blood supply in our area is at a critically low level. So please call Lyn at the church office to schedule your donation time slot.

We could not find a better team to be a part of than God’s team! Come and join ~ all are welcome!

Peace be with you ~

Ed Brader

Consistory President



IMMERSION BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY

Rick Anderson has graciously offered to host an opportunity for immersion baptism in his home pool. If you have ever wanted to experience this for yourself, and have not had the opportunity, here is your chance. On **Sunday August 25th**, we will gather at his home for the occasion. Remember, no baptized Christian requires any kind of re-baptism for God to acknowledge that Grace. However, sometimes, as a sign of repentance or renewal, Christians choose to do so. If you are interested, and for more details, please advise Pastor Kathryn.



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CARE GIVER GROUP FORMING!

A Family Care Giver Support Group is now scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. In order to serve all potential needs, alternating times of evenings at 6pm and mornings at 11am will be offered. Our first meeting is going to be held on **August 8th** at 6:00 PM; the second one will be held on **September 12th** at 11:00 AM. We are going to try it this way to see how this format works. The group will meet in the Choir Room and is open to the public. If you know of anyone who is struggling with caring for a family member, please let them know that this support group may assist them with education and fellowship to ease their caring work. Facilitated by Jennie Serfass from Manor Care. No RSVP necessary.



MONTHLY GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Monthly Grief and Loss Support Group at JUCC will meet on **August 14th** – 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.



CHURCH IN THE GROVE

On **Sunday, August 4th** we will have a “church in the grove” service at 9 AM. Bring along a lawn chair and enjoy the glory of God’s nature along with a blended, contemporary church service!
The final Grove Service will be held on **September 8th**

August Scripture Readers

Sunday, August 4 @ 9:00 AM – To be determined
Sunday, August 11 @ 9:00 AM – The Youth Group
Sunday, August 18 @ 9:00 AM – 55 & Alive
Sunday, August 25 @ 9:00 AM – To be determined

PLEASE CONSIDER

volunteering to read scripture at Sunday Service. We are always in need of readers and would love to have some new voices! See Lyn for available dates!



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Norman Eckhart was married to Arda Haydt Eckhart for 64 years. Norman has one son, three grand-children and one great grandchild. Norman worked in insurance for 30 years. He enjoys traveling.

Lillian Strohl is a widow, and has three children and one grandchild. Lillian likes to travel, and read.

Norman and Lillian are from the Palmerton area. We welcome these two new members and hope their membership at JUCC is a blessing to them!



SIGHTS & SOUNDS THEATRES PRESENTS

“Miracle of Christmas”

Friday, December 6, 2019

After decades of crushing Roman rule, the Hebrew people are losing hope. When will the promised Messiah come? Into the midst of this turmoil, young Mary is told she will bear God’s Son. Is He the Messiah, our Savior? Who can believe such a thing!! Witness the event that is central to the Christmas season! The bus will leave JUCC at 12:30 pm, lunch and shop at Shady Maple, and arrive at the theater at 6 p.m. Tickets for bus, lunch and show are \$105 for Adults and \$60 for children under 14. For tickets call the church office at 610-681-4412. Tickets are going fast!!

Full payment is due by August 15th!
Make checks payable to Kathryn Foster



CAN YOU HELP??

The West End Food Pantry is collecting bookbags for local children in need!

Let’s give them a hand!

Bring a **NEW** bookbag to church and Keith & Lorrie Nothstein will deliver them to the food pantry for us!

Let’s make a difference in the lives of local kids!

Please bring donations to church by August 11th



Our school supply distribution is on **AUGUST 17TH, LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY.**

WE ONLY HAVE 15 BOOKBAGS!

Please help us! We believe ALL children deserve to be prepared for school.



Drop off new backpacks or mail checks to:
WEST END FOOD PANTRY
 516 Kunkletown Road
 Kunkletown, PA 18058

Make checks payable to:
WEST END PANTRY, INC
 (write "bookbags" on memo line)

AUGUST FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS

August 4 – Barry & Donna Mackes in honor of Andrea & Steve Lazicki's 30th wedding anniversary

August 11 – Barry George in honor of daughter Tanya Frey's birthday on August 13th

August 18 – Barry George in honor of son Kip George's birthday on August 23rd

August 25 – Barb & Tod Kreger in memory of all loved ones



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Do you have something you would like to post in our next Newsletter?? Make sure you get it to our church secretary, Lyn Summers by **August 20th** or you might miss the printing deadline! You can call her at 610-681-4412 or email juccsecy@ptd.net.

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!



NEW! JUCC QUILTING GROUP!

Interested in crafting, sewing or quilting? A new group has formed here at JUCS and will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The July meetings will be on **August 8th and 22nd**. 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!



JUCC BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive that we had scheduled for June 1st had to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. But don't worry! We are rescheduling! We will hold another drive on **Saturday, August 3rd** – the day of our Annual Church Picnic. Please consider calling to register a time to donate between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Donations take about 20-30 minutes and will help to save a life! Call 610-681-4412 or email juccsecy@ptd.net to register. **We need everyone's help!**



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***** SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019 *****



MUSIC BY MAIN STREET CRUISERS



CAKEWALK
TICKETS



KIDS ACTIVITIES



RAFFLE

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 4, 2019 – noon

The JUCC youth group (YRT) is very busy and we are making even more plans for the summer! We are going to organize and run the Sunday Service on August 11th. We are planning to go to Bear Rock Junction for mini-golf and go-karts, and potentially planning a day trip to the beach as well. Our youth are also involved with Family Promise, and have helped with a number of JUCC mission activities, including the Chicken BBQ in June and Vacation Bible School in July. We will officially start up with a new group of kids in September. The Youth Group is for all kids in grades 7 through 12, and they meet on the last Sunday of each month at 6 pm in our Sunday School Room. Come join us, and bring a friend!!



**It's Palmerton Festival Time!
September 6th, 7th & 8th**

It's not too early to start thinking about the Palmerton Festival! So...everyone please sharpen your favorite paring knife, dust off your largest cutting board, and find your Jerusalem UCC apron! Please see Wendy Hoppel in church to sign up to help out!
We Need YOU!

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, – 6:00 pm
Polk Township Fire Company (Rt. 209)
Please join us in starting to cut up all the veggies and lots of bread!
Wednesday, Sept. 4th, – 9:00 am to?
More vegetable chopping!
To help out – call Wendy at
(H) 610-377-5946
or (M) 610-577-6772



Introducing...Our new food trailer!

JUCC has been blessed to be the successful bidder on this food trailer at a price of \$7,200. The trailer will be retro-fitted and used as our food stand at the Palmerton Festival, as well as other potential outreach ministries! We are so excited to have this trailer which will replace the old food stand. If you would like to donate to the cost of the new trailer, please use a "Special Contribution" envelope located on the back of the church pews. Then...come out to the Festival for one of our famous "Happy Bowls"!!





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.

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.



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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