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THE TRAVELER



JULY 2019

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**The Vision of our Church is to increase Faith, Hope,
Love, Community and Belonging.**

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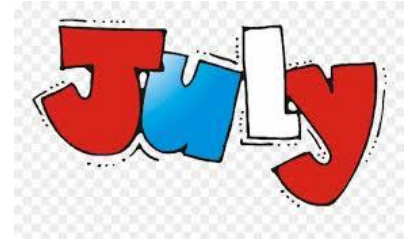
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Dear Members and Friends ~

I have been doing some room clean out lately. Maybe you will agree that is often a big chore and can be uncomfortable with the dust and dirt we find! It is also, in many ways, a pleasant chore because as we look through our old things packed away for years, we remember the people and days connected with those things. We look through old books and see some of the old pictures we enjoyed and the things that we used with pleasure like 45 record players or Cabbage Patch dolls.

It is good to remember this way. It is also good to move into the future. What would we do without our cell phones? I used to laugh at the old TV sitcom called, "My Mother the Car." Do you remember that? Today, my car really does talk to me!

In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer tells us that, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever (13:8)." Sometimes change can be challenging and sometimes our interpretation of the words in the bible needs to change with our increased understanding. For many it is good to know that Jesus Christ is the same now and forever. It is also good to know that the promises of God are true and will remain true for all those who follow and share in God's plan.

Some things change, but are the same. For example, the seasons change, but the cycle of the seasons will not change. God's wisdom is everywhere. Enjoy this season and those who share it with you.

See you in church!

Pastor Kathryn

**MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
JULY 2019**

Hello Members and Friends of JUCC,

Summer has finally arrived and it certainly feels good to have a weeks' worth of sunshine! Last month was a busy time at JUCC – highlighted by the Flea Market, we well as our 2nd annual Free Community Chicken Barbeque dinner. A “BIG Thank You” to all the volunteers who donated their time and talents to make these events successful. Another “BIG Thank You” to those who made monetary donations to cover the costs for the Chicken Dinner, and to God’s House Band for providing great entertainment. And we certainly can’t forget those great desserts provided by the ladies from “55 & Alive”.

ALL GOOD STUFF!!

We now look forward to our summer ministries and fund raisers. Vacation Bible School has a well-planned program of activities and lessons for our young ones. Be sure to get the word out to your family, friends and neighbors about this great week of Christian education and fun for the kids.

Our two major fund raisers are just around the corner with our Annual Church Picnic on August 3rd and the Palmerton Festival on September 6th, 7th and 8th. If you are able, please volunteer some time in support of these very important events. They go a long way in supporting our ministry.

Finally, keep in mind we will be having a blood drive at the church on August 3rd, same day as our Church Picnic, for the Keystone Miller Blood Center. There was a recent news release informing the general public that the current blood supply is at a critically low level in our area. Please consider making a blood donation if you are able. Contact Lyn at the church office at 610-681-4412 to schedule your time slot.

God calls all of us to be a part of His team, and what a great team we have at JUCC!

Peace Be with you,
Ed Brader, Consistory President





“...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 | Jim Fritz |
| Darrell Berger | Don Kupillas | Doug Hawk |
| John Kupillas | Jeff Eckhart | Wanda Pettit |
| Duane Hawk | Kathleen Ridenour | Joseph Szwajkowski |
| Dorothy Summers | | |

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 |
| George & Linda Seidel | | |



MONTHLY GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP
Monthly Grief and Loss Support Group at JUCC will meet on July 10th – 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.



Doris Behler would like to thank everyone for the prayers, get-well cards, phone calls, and food received during her recovery from recent surgery. Doris feels very blessed to belong to a congregation like JUCC!

I would like to thank everyone involved with my surprise birthday celebration last Sunday! From the cake(s) to the many cards and well wishes, my heart was warmed and blessed by your thoughtfulness. Thanks especially to the Fifty-Five and Alive ladies for the nice gift certificate for Sunny's! I am blessed by God and by JUCC and I am grateful. May God bless all our works here at JUCC! *Pastor Kathryn*

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Throughout the summer 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 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.

July Scripture Readers

Sunday, July 7 @ 9:00 AM – Donna Mackes, Carolyn Hill & Laura Maliszewski

Sunday, July 14 @ 9:00 AM – Lynn Mastio-Rice

Sunday, July 21 @ 9:00 AM – To be determined

Sunday, July 28 @ 9:00 AM – Stephanie Anderson



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

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 are \$105 for Adults and \$60 for children under 14. For tickets call the church office at 610-681-4412. Tickets are going fast!!



CHURCH IN THE GROVE

On Sunday, July 14th 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!

Other Grove Services will be held on August 4th and September 8th



JULY FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS

July 7 – June Easterday in honor of loved ones

July 14 – Denise & Terry Goodhile in honor of son Kris’s birthday on July 2nd & Terry’s birthday on July 18th

July 21 – Beverly & Ricky Waibel in honor of the wedding anniversaries of Melissa & Ryan Waibel on July 12th and Shelly & Joe Wonderly on July 26th

July 28 – John & Penny Kleintop in memory of their beloved sister Kathryn (“Babes”) Kleintop Summers’ birthday on July 30th & in loving memory of their parents

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!



Flea Market Report

The Annual Flea Market was held on May 31st and June 1st
with two days of gorgeous weather!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way
by donating, working or buying!

A special Thank You to Lorrie Nothstein and Sue Levandusky for taking charge of the refreshment stand, serving JUCC Happy Bowls and strawberry Shortcake, in addition to our usual menu.

Also to the guys who helped set up, clean up, and haul unsold items to the Eldred Thrift Store.

The total income was \$2,546.55 after expenses, profit should be approximately \$2,350.00

THANK YOU EVERYONE!! ~ Beverly Waible

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 **July 22nd** or you might miss the printing deadline! You can call her at 610-681-4412 or email juccsecy@ptd.net.



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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 July meetings will be on **July 11th and July 25th**. 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!



OUR KIDS ARE BUSY!

Our Youth Group has been busy and they are making even more plans for the coming summer! They are planning to go to Bear Rock Junction for mini-golf, and have a go-kart outing. They are also involved with Family Promise, and are planning a trip to Hershey Park. The Youth Group was also involved with helping at our Chicken BBQ and will help with VBS as well. The Youth Group is for kids in grades 7 through 12, and they meet on the last Sunday of each month at 6 pm in our Sunday School Room.



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!

JUCC ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendar for this annual fun event!
Saturday, August 3rd from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Music by the Main Street Cruisers
GREAT FOOD & GAMES FOR EVERY AGE!
AND OUR FAMOUS CAKE WALK!
Bring your friends and a lawn chair for
GREAT 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. Donation takes about 20-30 minutes and will help to save a life! Call 610-681-4412 or email juccsecy@ptd.net to register.



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.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Guaranteed Fun!!!

Invites you to join us at our annual *“Sports Arts Jamboree”*
Vacation Bible School will be held
July 15th through July 18th and a closing program will be on
Sunday, July 21st at the morning service. After the service,
children and families are invited to a family carnival to celebrate
a fun week of sports, arts, learning and exploration into the depths of God’s love.

This year’s theme is “Camp Jerusalem”!
“Heroes & Sheroes of the Bible”

Kids from ages 5-12 can come and play games/sports and/or do artistic crafts in a Christ-centered environment. We will learn about God’s gifts through music, play, art and teachings. Kids can take their pick of games or crafts. Children 2-4 must be accompanied by an adult and will learn through games, music and crafts. We will eat and drink yummy snacks!

ALL FREE as a ministry of our church.



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PLEASE FIND THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER!

Jerusalem United Church of Christ
Permissions and Registration for Sports/Arts Jamboree - Ages 2-12
July 15 - July 18, and July 21, 2019

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade Entering _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Cell Phone: _____ Text? YES ___ NO ___ Home Ph. _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

Any medical or special needs _____

I consent for photos or recordings of my child to be used in the church public website, social media, or print publications: YES _____ NO _____

Dismissal Information (Names of persons who may pick up child if other than parent):

Names _____ Relationship: _____

I give permission for my above-named child to participate in the Jerusalem United Church of Christ Sports and Arts Jamboree as listed above. In the event of sickness or medical emergency and I cannot be contacted, I request that my child receive medical treatment as deemed necessary by the program staff. I will be responsible for all expenses incurred by such treatment. While reasonable care is taken to guard against injury, I understand accidents can happen; therefore, I hereby release Jerusalem United Church of Christ and its staff and contributors from responsibility for any injury or liability incurring from my child's participation in this activity.

Signature of parent or guardian _____

The program is *free of charge*, and there is no deadline for registration. Please forward to:
Jerusalem United Church of Christ, 545 Church Drive, Palmerton, PA 18071

For more information: juccsecy@ptd.net or (610) 681-4412