

God is still speaking,

THE TRAVELER



JUNE 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,

Recently, billionaire Robert F. Smith announced to the graduating class at Morehouse College that he was going to create a grant that would eliminate the student debt of the entire 2019 graduating class! That was fantastic news for those 400+ students. He added that he knew they would “pay this forward.”

Jesus told his disciples and those who heard him that to those given much, much is required; and for those given a whole lot, *even more* will be required. (Luke 24:48) Apparently, Mr. Smith has taken that seriously.

Jesus calls us to give to the world out of the abundance we have. Jesus followed that up with, “I have come to ignite a fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!” (Luke 24:49) “Fire,” in this case, is a metaphor for energy. Often fire is associated with the Holy Spirit, but essentially, fire in any case designates energy.

I am guessing that those graduates, who had the energy to complete their studies and obtained degrees in various programs at the alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King, all have a vision for the good they will do in the future. Mr. Morehouse gave them a gift, but the gift comes with a caveat: Pay it forward.

Jesus said that a long time ago. If God has blessed you with much, God requires, and humankind needs, your generosity and your vision for success, “with liberty and justice for all.” Yes, ALL. Our founders had a vision and so do we.

May you be blessed and a blessing to your community.

Pastor Kathryn

**MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT
JUNE 2019**

Hello Members and Friends of JUCC,

It's hard to believe that five weeks have passed since Easter Holy Week. I can't help but reflect back on the deeply spiritual and meaningful services Pastor Kathryn conducted. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday each offered their own unique perspective on the last days leading to our Savior's resurrection. Thank you, Pastor!

We now move on to the time of year on our church calendar when our attention to our ministry takes on an added perspective. While we continue to have very meaningful Sunday services, we also start to gear up for our fund raisers. These events are an integral part of supporting our church budget which allows us to expand our ministry.

To kick things off, the "Spring Filling Sale" took place last month and was able to generate a \$1,300 profit. Thank you to all the "filling fairies"! Our next event will be the Spring Flea Market on Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st. Let's pray for great weather and a good turnout.

On Saturday, June 15th, we will be hosting our second "Free Community Chicken BBQ Dinner" from 4 to 7 pm. Although this is not a fund raiser, (the expenses for this event have been covered by donations), it is a ministry opportunity for us to connect with each other and with our neighbors. So please invite your friends, family, neighbors, and perhaps a fellow member you have not seen in a while. Come out and enjoy a great summertime barbeque and entertainment by "The Hawks" and "God's House Band". This ministry was one of the first to be developed from our Visioning Team. At last year's dinner, you could simply feel the Holy Spirit at work in our grove.

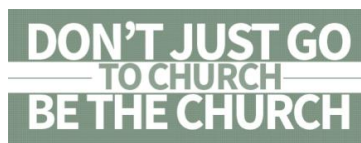
Last, but not least, please don't forget our 3rd annual Blood Drive taking place on Saturday, June 1st from 9 am to 12 pm, along with the Flea Market. This is a very important gift we can give back to our community. Please consider a blood donation if you are able.

On the horizon, we are already planning our annual Church Picnic and the Palmerton Community Festival. More on those events in next month's Newsletter!

I know there are many other very important activities that I have not highlighted, such as VBS, and the Dementia Presentation, so please be sure to read through this newsletter for all the details.

Continue to search for what God is calling you to do!

Peace Be with you,
Ed Brader, Consistory President



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.



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.

June Scripture Readers

Sunday, June 2 @ 10:30 AM – Donna Mackes

Sunday, June 9 @ 9:00 AM – Kim & Lisa

Sunday, June 16 @ 9:00 AM – Lana Kuehner

Sunday, June 23 @ 9:00 AM – Saralyn Sarandis

Sunday, June 30 @ 9:00 AM – Steph Anderson



JUNE FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS

June 2 – Marie & Bob Andrews in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary on May 30

June 9 – Doris Behler in honor of Elise & Kevin Binder's 22nd wedding anniversary

June 16 – Strausberger Family in memory of PFC David R. Bartholomew who died in Vietnam on June 19, 1978

June 23 – Leon & Danielle George in honor of Danielle's birthday on June 27

June 30 – Leonard Breiner in memory of Janet Breiner's birthday on July 2

Welcome to our Church

~ Greeters for June ~

June 2 – Lyn Summers & Mary Beth Beers

June 9 – Keith & Lorrie Nothstein

THANK YOU to everyone who served as a "greeter" during the past year. Whether you served once or numerous times, your helpfulness in welcoming people to our church is appreciated. We will not have greeters for the church service this summer. Please greet each other and any visitors who join us and make them feel welcome in our church.

**Thank
You!**

CLASS OF 2019

Matthew Binder

Son of Elise & Kevin Binder and grandson of Doris Behler is graduating from Palmerton High School and will be attending Penn State University in the fall.



Jaclyn Wonderly

Daughter of Shelly & Joe Wonderly, Jaclyn will be graduating from Palmerton High School and will be attending LCCC in the fall.

Tanner W. Burnett

Son of Stacy & Sloan Burnett; his grandparents are Donald & Elaine George, and Bonnie & (the late) Truman Burnett. He graduates from Palmerton H.S. and will attend Universal Technical School in Exton

Mason R. George

Son of Shawn & Kelli George, brother of Cole George, & grandson of Donald & Elaine George. He will graduate from Palmerton High School and will attend E. Stroudsburg University in the fall.

Wade Haydt

Son of Lori & Ross Haydt; grandson of Ruth & Paul Haydt and Herman Smale. Wade will graduate from Carbon Career & Technical Institute and will attend Northampton Community College to study Applied Science.

Logan Mackes

Son of Shannon & Greg Mackes will graduate from Pleasant Valley High School, and will attend Penn State University with an Army ROTC scholarship.

Samantha Shupp

Daughter of Melissa & Tom Shupp. Granddaughter of Rick Anderson. Sam will graduate from Palmerton H.S. and then take her test to become a U.S. Postal carrier.

Stephanie E. Williams

Daughter of Rick & Lisa Williams is graduating from Pleasant Valley H.S. She will attend DeSales University in the fall to study medicine in the Physician's Assistant Program.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our graduates for achieving this milestone!

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 June meetings will be on June 13th and June 27th. 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!



The Big Bang Theory: God Spoke and BANG! It happened!

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!!

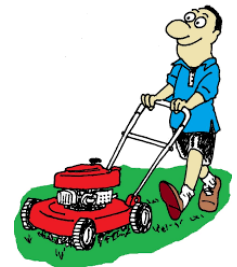
Come to the FLEA MARKET and donate at the same time!!

Can we count on you to help our community hospitals?

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

HOMEcoming CONTRIBUTIONS

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 are available on the counters at the back of the sanctuary. Checks may also be mailed to Deb Cope, JUCC Treasurer at 545 Church Drive, Palmerton, PA 18071. Thanking you in advance for your 2019 contribution!



Arden Courts 
Memory Care Community

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!!!



A great big **THANK YOU** from the bottom of my heart to anyone who helped in any way with the 2019 Spring Filling Sale. I appreciate all you do to help – you are my “Filling Fairies”!!

SPRING FILLING SALES RESULTS

Income: \$2,199 ~ Expenses: \$898.51

Profit: \$1,300.49 ~ Tithe: \$1170.44

Submitted by Lana Kuehner

!!FREE!! COMMUNITY EVENT
2ND ANNUAL 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



OUR KIDS ARE BUSY!

Our Youth Group has been busy and they are making even more plans for the coming summer! Their Easter Pancake Breakfast had about \$400 in revenue and was a huge success! 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 in June. The Youth Group will be involved with helping at our Chicken BBQ and 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 Fellowship Hall.

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!

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!

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

Bring your friends and a lawn chair for

GREAT FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!



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!

Volunteers are needed to worship service slide while Pastor Kathryn is on

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husband Bob create 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!

put together the Sunday presentations for Sundays vacation. She and her

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

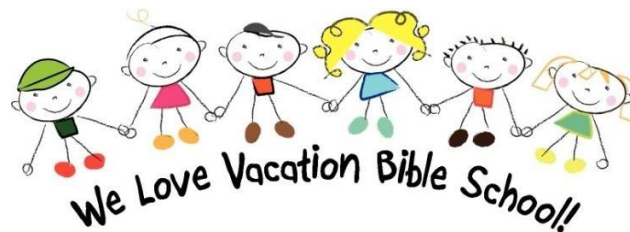
JERUSALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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!



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 Brodheads ville, 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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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 _____

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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

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