

God is still speaking,

# THE TRAVELER



**September 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,

I have seen quite a few rainbows lately.... If I can, I pause to look at them or take pictures of them. Rainbows take a rainstorm and add sun, making a thing of beauty. To me, a rainbow is a sign of God's hope for the people of this planet. It is a sign of God's promise to me, that though we experience instability and suffering, in some way in this world God will carry me through it just as the Ark carried Noah and his family through the flood to safety.

A journalist recently asked comedian, and openly Roman Catholic, Stephen Colbert, if he really believes suffering is a gift from God. Colbert lost his father and brothers in a plane crash when he was very young. Colbert gently stated, "Yes." He said our own pain and grief allow us to comprehend and understand the grief and pain of others, and to desire then to connect or reach out to those others in love and compassion.

I see that pain and grief can do this sometimes. I also see that it has the opposite effect at other times. Pain is painful. It is hard to get past. Pain makes us feel alone. That is why I stop and enjoy rainbows, because at the same time, life is life and I do not get to choose this environment. However, I can look at the world around me, the rainbows and other beautiful things around me and feel God carrying me through it.

In this, often, upsetting political climate, there is still God. Psalm 46:10 says, "*Be still, and know that I am God.*" After all the maneuvers of humanity, God is still God, and I know God walks with me. Every time I see a rainbow, I feel that.

See you in church!

*Pastor Kathryn*

**MESSAGE FROM THE CONSISTORY PRESIDENT  
SEPTEMBER 2019**

Hello Fellow Members and Friends of JUCC ~

I was on vacation for ten days and unfortunately missed the Sunday services on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. I heard through the grapevine that our Youth (YRT), and the 55 & Alive ladies did a great job in heading those services. Thank you! Your efforts are much appreciated!

I have also learned that our annual Community Church Picnic had a very successful day in raising over \$7,000 profit. A ***“BIG Thank you”*** to all those folks who helped out in any way, whether it was providing items for the cake walk, preparing and serving food, donating raffle items, selling food and raffle tickets or providing the enjoyable entertainment. It certainly was a rewarding day in so many ways. **GREAT TEAM WORK!**

We now need to keep that “team work” attitude as we prepare for our largest fund raiser of the year – The Palmerton Festival! This event goes a long way in supporting our church budget and ministry. The new food trailer has been renovated and equipped to meet the challenge. I encourage anyone and everyone who is able to help in any way to please see Wendy Hoppel. There is much to do and many opportunities for you to pitch in. Please spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors to come out to the Festival and enjoy “The Original Happy Bowl”, as well as those delicious chicken barbeque sandwiches.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be having the first meeting of our newly formed Governance and Policy Committee. The hope and purpose of this committee is to review, formulate, and establish policy guidelines that will clearly define the manner in which we conduct our church’s business. This will be an ongoing process which will take time, patience, and cooperation. The committee will be seeking information from our existing groups and committees in order to develop the best policies possible, clearly leading us on a path to do God’s will. So, I encourage all groups and individuals to please be willing participants in this process. Much information and input will be needed to develop these policies.

Finally, a quick update on our building addition. We have received the final septic design plan from our engineer and have submitted that plan to the township for final approval. The last item we need to have completed is the storm water run-off plan. We hope to have that very soon. We will then put our bid packages together and begin the bidding process. We will keep you updated as we move forward and more information becomes available.

See you in church – and at the Palmerton Festival!

Peace be with you ~

Ed Brader - Consistory President

***Remember – “God’s Work – Our Hands”***







### MONTHLY GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Monthly Grief and Loss Support Group at JUCC will meet on September 11<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, September 8<sup>th</sup> we will have one final “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!



### September Scripture Readers

Sunday, September 15 @ 10:30 a.m.

*Lana Kuehner*

Sunday, September 22 @ 10:30 a.m.

*To Be Announced*

Sunday, September 29 @ 10:30 a.m.

*Stephanie Anderson*

### PLEASE CONSIDER

volunteering to read scripture at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service. We are always in need of readers and would love to have some new voices! See Lyn for available dates!

### SEPTEMBER FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORS

September 1 – Leon & Danielle George in honor of Leon’s birthday on August 31

September 6 – Keith & Lorrie Nothstein in honor of their anniversary on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and Jamie & Darren Rockwell’s anniversary on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

September 15 – Duane & Lisa Hawk in honor of their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

September 23 – Lana Kuehner in honor of her birthday on September 18

September 29 – Denise & Terry Goodhile in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 29<sup>th</sup>



### Apple/Fall-Fest Chinese Auction

Apple/Fall-Fest Chinese Auction baskets (or boxes or trays) of assorted items with an apple or fall theme or home decorative items, plants, etc. make nice prizes for the Chinese auction. Please bring any items for the Chinese Auction for the Apple Fall Fest to the church during office hours or to the festival by 9 AM, Saturday, October 5. All donations are appreciated. The Chinese auction corner has been a popular area at the festival for many years. Let’s keep it going!

# Apple and Fall Festival

Jerusalem U.C.C. 545 Church Drive,  
Palmerton (Trachsville) (610) 681-4412  
(located 1/2 mile off Rt. 209, behind Towamensing Fire Co)

**Saturday, October 5, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
In the Picnic Grove**

*featuring:*

**Music** by God's House Band  
from noon until 3 p.m.

**Chinese Auction and Meat Raffle**

with drawings at 3 p.m.



**homemade food**, including apple dumplings, cobbler,  
PA Dutch shoo-fly pie, apple or regular sausage sandwiches, soup, Bar-  
BQ, hot dogs and macaroni & cheese & ice cream!  
Wagon with apples, pumpkins, and fall items for decoration  
Graver's Apple Cider





**It's Palmerton Festival Time!  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

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. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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. 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to?  
More vegetable chopping!  
To help out – call Wendy at  
(H) 610-377-5946  
or (M) 610-577-6772



**FAREWELL FROM PAULA AND BOB ABEL**

We have arrived safely at our condo in Myrtle Beach. Our new home in North Carolina won't be finished till November. Our address while in Myrtle Beach is 1229 38th Ave. N, Box 225, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. I will update with our final address when we move in our home. It has been very hectic the last month, I thought we would never stop packing. We hoped to get to Church one more time but it didn't work out. I did bring some clothes to the Church bin and took a few minutes to walk our Church picnic grounds. I remembered the old grounds where our children played, but what beautiful improvements we have made. Looking at the Church I can envision the new addition; it will work beautifully with the picnic grounds. I am glad that we are leaving when the Church has such a bright and healthy future ahead. May God be with you all as Bob and I continue our faith journey in our new home.



**HARVEST HOME SUNDAY – October 6<sup>th</sup>**

To beautify our church and express our thanks to God for a bountiful life, we are asking that people donate nonperishable food items, canned goods and produce that will be either be donated to CACPAC, given away privately or sold to raise money for the church. You can bring nonperishable items for CACPAC or canned items any time; however please wait until Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> to drop off perishable produce items in the church building. **Thank you in advance!**







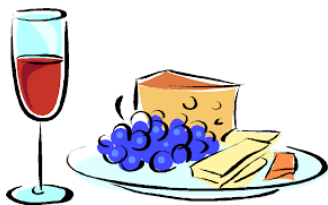
**JUCC QUILTING GROUP!**

Interested in crafting, sewing or quilting? A group has formed here at JUCC and will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The next meetings will be on **September 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 JUCC youth group has been very busy. They led the Sunday Service on August 11<sup>th</sup> with lots of participation and much fun! They are thinking about making this an annual event! The youth are very involved with the Family Promise shelter, and participated on August 16<sup>th</sup> at People’s EC in Lehighton. They had a go-kart and mini golf outing on August 8<sup>th</sup>, are planning a potential beach trip for Labor Day weekend, and plan to participate in “Sleep-Out for Homelessness” at New Creation UCC in Easton on September 28<sup>th</sup>. They are also discussing involvement in the Lehighton Crop Walk on October 13<sup>th</sup> or planning a walk of their own. Watch for more news about this exciting and busy group of young people!



***Thank you*** to everyone who donated to the West End Food Pantry on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. We collected 38 backpacks, notebooks and cash! JUCC was called ***“Awesome – Awesome – Awesome”!***



**Wine & Cheese Campfire!**  
**BYOB & BYOS!**  
**Fun & Fellowship Guaranteed!**  
**Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.**  
*Bring a lawn chair and your favorite beverages and snacks!*  
Everyone is welcome!

**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.



